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INVENTORY WORKSHEET

RE: Jay David Whittaker Chambers

DATE 5/77

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SERIAL	DATE	DESCRIPTION (TYPE OF COMM, TO, FROM)	NO OF PGS	SENT TO BUREAU	BUFILE NOS. DIRECTED TO
1	11/29/48	Letter from Assistant Attorney General Alexander Campbell	3	yes	
2	11/29/48	Bureau letter to Special Agent in Charge, Baltimore	2	yes	
3	11/29/48	Bureau letter to Special Agent in Charge, New York	1	yes	
3A	11/3/48	Complaint form	3	no	released in full
4	12/1/48	Letter to Bureau from Special Agent in Charge, Baltimore	2	yes	
4A	9/28/48	New York memo from Special Agent in Charge Scheidt dated 9/27/48	1	no	released in full
5	12/6/48	New York memo from Special Agent Callahan dated 12/6/48	3	no	released in full
5A	10/28/48	Letter from Special Agent in Charge, New York and Bureau	1	yes	
6	12/6/48	New York memo from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/6/48	2	no	released in full
7	12/6/48	New York memo from Special Agent Callahan dated 12/6/48	1	no	released in full
8	12/4/48	New York memo from Special Agent Grath dated 12/3/48	1	no	released in full
9	12/4/48	New York memo from Special Agent Shannon	1	no	released in full

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10	12/4/48	Teletype Bureau to Special Agent in Charge, New York	1	yes	
11	12/4/48	Baltimore teletype to Director, Washington Field Office, New York	3	yes	
12	12/5/48	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
13	12/5/48	New York memo from A. H. Belmont, Assistant Special Agent in Charge dated 12/5/48	5	no	released in full
14	12/6/48	Baltimore report by Frank G. Johnstone	14	yes	
15	12/3/48	New York memo of Special Agent Sullivan dated 12/5/48	1	no	released in full
16	12/6/48	Teletype from Washington D. C. to Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia	2	yes	
17	12/6/48	New York memo from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	2	no	released in full
18	12/6/48	New York memo from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
18A	7/31	Teletype to Director from New York	3	yes	
18A	12/6/48	Teletype to Bureau from New York	SI	yes	
19	12/7/48	New York teletype to Washington Field Office, Baltimore	3	no	released in full

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20	12/6/48	Letter to Director from Special Agent in Charge, New York	1	yes	
21	12/6/48	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
22	12/6/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Baltimore, New York, Director	2	yes	
22A	12/6/48	Teletype from New York to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Baltimore	3	yes	
23	12/7/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/7/48	1	no	released in full
24	12/7/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/7/48	1	no	released in full
25	12/7/48	New York memo of Special Agent Tuohy dated 12/7/48	1	no	released in full
25A	12/7/48	Letter to third party from Special Agent in Charge Scheihdt	1	no	released in full
26	12/7/48	Bureau teletype to New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia	1	yes	
27	12/7/48	Bureau teletype to New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia	1	yes	
28	12/7/48	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, Baltimore, New York	5	yes	
29	12/7/48	New York memo from Special Agent Spencer dated 12/7/48	2	no	released in full

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30	12/8/48	New York memo of Special Agent O'Brien dated 12/7/48	1	no	released in full
31	12/8/48	New York memo of Special Agent McGrath dated 12/7/48	1	no	released in full
32	12/7/48	New York memo of O'Brien dated 12/7/48	3	no	released in full
33	12/7/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Philadelphia	2	yes	
34	12/7/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Baltimore	3	yes	
35	12/8/48	Report at Philadelphia by Special Agent Kirkland	6	yes	
36	12/8/48	Letter from Special Agent in Charge, Philadelphia to Special Agent in Chg New York	1	no	released in full
37	12/8/48	Special Agent in Charge, Philadelphia letter to Bureau	1	yes	
38	12/8/48	New York memo of Special Agent O'Keefe and Special Agent Martin dated 12/8/48	4	no	released in full
39	12/7/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/7/48	2	no	released in full
40	12/8/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/7/48	2	no	released in full
41	12/7/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Baltimore	2	yes	

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42	12/7/48	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	4	yes	
43	12/8/48	Report at Bureau by Special Agent Zander	12	yes	
44	12/8/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/8/48	1	no	released in full
45	12/8/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/8/48	3	no	released in full
46	12/8/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/8/48	2	no	(see attached)
47	12/8/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/8/48	1	no	released in full
48	12/8/48	Bureau teletype to Boston, New York	1	yes	
48A	12/8/48	Letter to Director from Special Agent in Charge, Scheidt	2	yes	
49	12/8/48	Teletype from Bureau to Baltimore, New York	1	yes	
50	12/8/48	Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, New York Indianapolis	2	yes	
51	12/8/48	Teletype from Denver to New York	1	no	released in full
52	12/8/48	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York	4	yes	

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53	12/8/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Baltimore	2	yes	
54	12/8/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Baltimore	3	yes	
55	12/8/48	New York memo Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/8/48	2	no	released in full
56	12/8/48	New York memo Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/8/48	3	no	(see attached)
57	12/8/48	New York memo Special Agent McGrath dated 12/8/48	1	no	released in full
58	12/8/48	New York memo Special Agent Bagwell dated 12/8/48	1	no	released in full
59	12/9/48	New York memo Assistant Special Agent in Charge dated 12/8/48	3	no	(see attached)
59A	12/9/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
60	12/9/48	Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, New York, Indianapolis	1	yes	
61	12/9/48	Teletype from Indianapolis to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
62	12/9/48	Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, New York, Philadelphia	1	yes	
62A	12/9/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Baltimore	2	yes	

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63	12/9/48	Teletype from Washington Field Office to New York, Bureau	1	yes	
64	12/9/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/9/48	1	no	released in full
65	12/9/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/9/48	1	no	released in full
66	12/9/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/9/48	2	no	released in full
66A	12/10/48	Special Agent in Charge, Baltimore letter to Director	1	yes	
67	12/9/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
68	12/9/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore	1	yes	
69	12/9/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
70	12/9/48	New York teletype to Baltimore	1	no	released in full
71	12/9/48	Teletype from New York to Bureau, Washington Field Office	2	yes	
72	12/9/48	Teletype from New York to Bureau, Denver	1	yes	
73	12/9/48	New York teletype to El Paso, Bureau	1	yes	

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74	12/9/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	2	no	released in full
75	12/9/48	New York memo of Special Agent McGroth	1	no	released in full
76	12/9/48	Denver teletype to New York, El Paso	1	no	released in full
77	12/9/48	Teletype from Boston to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York	1	yes	
78	12/9/48	Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
79	12/9/48	El Paso teletype to Denver, New York	1	no	released in full
80	12/9/48	El Paso teletype to New York, Denver	1	no	released in full
81	12/9/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
82	12/9/48	Chicago teletype to New York, Philadelphia Bureau, Washington Field Office	2	yes	
83	12/9/48	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
84	12/9/48	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	
85	12/9/48	Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	

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86	12/9/48	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York, Boston, Newark	2	yes	
87	12/9/48	Report from Indianapolis of Robert Lewis	3	yes	
88	12/9/48	El Paso teletype to New York, Denver	1	no	released in full
89	12/9/48	Denver teletype to New York, El Paso	1	no	(see attached)
90	12/10/48	Baltimore letter to Director	1	yes	
91	12/10/48	Milwaukee report of Clark Lourien	3	yes	
92	12/10/48	New York memo of Special Agent McGroth	1	no	released in full
93	12/10/48	Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, Philadelphia New York	1	yes	
94	12/10/48	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York, Milwaukee, Cleveland	2	yes	
95	12/10/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/10/48	1	no	released in full
96	12/10/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/10/48	1	no	released in full
97	12/10/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/10/48	2	no	released in full

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98	12/10/48	Milwaukee letter to New York	1	no	released in full
99	12/10/48	Letter from Director to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
100	12/10/48	Letter from Director to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
101	12/10/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/10/48	1	no	released in full
102	12/10/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Baltimore	3	yes	
103	12/10/48	Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
104	12/10/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Boston	2	yes	
105	12/10/48	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
106	12/10/48	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	
107	12/10/48	Chicago teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York	1	yes	
107A	12/10/48	Bureau teletype to Boston, New York	2	yes	
108	12/10/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/10/48	1	no	released in full

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109	12/10/48	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
110	12/10/48	Milwaukee teletype to Director, New York, Philadelphia	2	yes	
111	12/10/48	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York, Philadelphia	1	yes	
11A	12/10/48	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
112	12/10/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Baltimore, New York	1	yes	
113	12/10/48	El Paso teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
114	12/10/48	Milwaukee letter to Bureau	2	yes	
115	12/10/48	Milwaukee letter to Bureau	2	yes	
116	12/11/48	Milwaukee letter to Bureau	1	yes	
117	12/11/48	Milwaukee letter to Bureau	3	yes	
118	12/11/48	Baltimore letter to Director	1	yes	
119	12/10/48	Chicago teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office, Philadelphia	1	yes	

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120	12/10/48	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York, Milwaukee	2	yes	
121	12/10/48	Milwaukee letter to Bureau	1	yes	
121A	11/12/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	2	yes	
122	12/11/48	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	yes	
123	12/11/48	New York memo of Special Agent Hilsbos dated 12/11/48	1	no	released in full
123A	12/11/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Philadelphia, New York	1	yes	
124	12/11/48	Newark teletype to Bureau, New York, Philadelphia	1	yes	
125	12/11/48	Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, New York, Philadelphia	2	yes	
126	12/11/48	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
127	12/11/48	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
128	12/11/48	Denver teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
129	12/10/48	New York teletype to Director	4	yes	

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130	12/10/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
131	12/10/48	Denver teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
132	12/13/48	New York memo of Special Agent O'Brien and Hilsbos	3	no	released in full
133	12/11/48	New York teletype to Denver	1	no	released in full
134	12/11/48	New York teletype to Baltimore, Washington Field Office, Philadelphia, Bureau	2	yes	
135	12/13/48	Report of Denver of Edwin Johnson	11	yes	
136	12/12/48	Denver teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
137	12/13/48	Letter from US Secret Service to New York	1	no	referred USSS
138	12/13/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau St. Louis	1	yes	
139	12/13/48	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
140	12/13/48	St. Louis letter to Bureau	1	yes	
141	12/13/48	New York memo of Hilsbos dated 12/13/48	1	no	released in full

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142	12/13/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/13/48	1	no	released in full
143	12/13/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/13/48	1	no	released in full
144	12/13/48	St. Louis teletype to Washington Field Office, Bureau, New York	1	yes	
145	12/13/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/13/48	1	no	released in full
146	12/13/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/13/48	1	no	released in full
147	12/13/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont dated 12/13/48	2	no	released in full
148	12/13/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau New York	1	yes	
149	12/13/48	Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, Philadelphia New York	2	yes	
150	12/13/48	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
151	12/13/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
152	12/13/48	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
153	12/13/48	Letter to Milwaukee from Hoover	2	yes	

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154	12/13/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau Philadelphia	1	yes	
155	12/13/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau Philadelphia, Baltimore	1	yes	
156	12/13/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
157	12/13/48	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, Baltimore	6	yes	
158	12/13/48	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office, Milwaukee	2	yes	
159	12/13/48	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	
160	12/14/48	Washington Field Office to New York, Bureau	1	yes	
161	12/13/48	New York memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	2	no	released in full

DOC. NO.	SERIAL NO.	DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT	PAGES ACTUAL	REL.	DELETION(S)	EXEMPTION(S)	CROSS REF.
	46	New York memo of ASAC, Belmont	2	2	<p>Page 1, para 2: Employment information withheld in its entirety pertaining solely to a third party and considered not pertinent to the request.</p> <p>Page 1, para 3: Third party information consisting of birth record, relatives, employment, education and residences withheld in its entirety and considered not pertinent to the request.</p> <p>Page 1, para 4: Information withheld consisting of employment record, education, former addresses, nearest relatives and birth record. Preceding information pertains solely to third party and considered not pertinent to request.</p> <p>Page 2, para 2: Information withheld in its entirety concerning a third party and considered not pertinent to request. This information consists of residence, employment and information of a personal nature supplied by a confidential source.</p>	(b) (7) (C)	
	56	NY memo ASAC, Belmont	3	3	<p>Page 1, para 3: Portion of this document contains classified material.</p> <p>Page 3, para 2: Permanently assigned number of a confidential informant withheld.</p>	(b) (1) (b) (2)	
	59	ASAC, NY memo of 12/8/48	3	3	Page 2, continuation of page 1, para 4: Contents of lawfully intercepted telephone conversations concerning third parties.	(b) (7) (C)	
	89	Wire from Denver to NY, El Paso	1	1	Last portion of wire deleted as it contains information furnished to a Grand Jury. Exemption (b) (3) cited pursuant to Federal Statute-Rule (6) (e), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedures.	(b) (3)	

RE: CHAMBERS - HISS
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This document is a 3-page memorandum dated 12/8/48 from ASAC, A. H. Belmont.

The portion of the document noted below is denied under (b)(1) of the FOIA. The document has been classified "Confidential" pursuant to Executive Order 11652, Section 5 (B) (2) with indefinite date of declassification as the following portion discloses an intelligence method:

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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COMPLAINT FORM

Alger Hiss
Subject's Name and Aliases

Address of Subject
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DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

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65-7471
H. H. Rosenwald
65-1087-1,4
HAROLD ROSENWALD
Name of Complainant
20 EXCHANGE PL
Address of Complainant
WH-4-7570
Telephone Number of Complainant
10/21/48 1:00 PM
Date and Time Complaint Received

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: Mr. Rosenwald, a member of the bar
of Massachusetts and working out of the
law firm of Debevoise, Plimpton and McLean
above address, advised he is presently
representing Alger Hiss in his suit against
Whittaker Chambers. He desired to be placed
on record that as a former Lt. Commander
of the U. S. Navy and presently a Reserve
Officer he is a loyal American and any
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ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT:

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contacts he makes in the future are strictly necessary for his representation of Hiss. He advised he knew Hiss from Harvard Law School and has had occasional meetings with him since. Mr. Rosenwald did not discuss any aspects of the case but declared that on 10/20/48 he talked with Joseph Freeman, 301 E. 38th St. N. Y. C., admitted member of the Communist Party and formerly associated with New Masses and Tass, who is employed by Edward Bernays, 26 E. 64th St. N.Y.C.

During their talk, Freeman furnished the names of the following individuals who could be contacted and whom Mr. Rosenwald hopes to contact:-

Delix Morrow, of Schocken Publishing Co.
Alex. Trachtenberg, International Publishers.
Samuel Sillen, Masses & Mainstream.
Walter Lippman " "
Gander Garlin author.
Matthew Josephson
Robert W. Dunne, Labor Research Bureau.
Frances Strauss of New Masses in 1931.
Hugo Gelfert, artist.
William Gropper, artist.

Mr. Rosenwald volunteered the information

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that if any facts came to his attention
which he believed would be of interest
to this office he would advise the office.



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, N. Y.
September 27, 1948



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MEMORANDUM:

RE: ALGER HISS

101-141

Mr. David Carroll, 155 East 52nd St., New York City, with whom the writer has been acquainted since college days, called at the office and advised that he was passing along the following information about Alger Hiss for whatever it may be worth:

Carroll said he is acquainted with Hiss due to the fact that they were at Harvard at the same time and also both belong to the Harvard Club in New York City. Quite recently Carroll had a conversation with a friend, whose name he did not reveal. In this conversation Hiss' name was mentioned. His friend stated that "the head of the Cedro Company" in New York put through the sale of a Liberty ship to the Polish Government and received a \$1500 commission check a few months ago. The head of the Cedro Company also saw or "ran through its office" a \$30,000 check payable to Alger Hiss, which was presumably issued by the Polish Government. The friend of Carroll's who told him this story indicated that the head of the Cedro Company would be entirely willing to talk about this matter, however when Carroll's friend asked this individual why the information had not been reported the head of the Cedro Company asked, "What good would it do, Hiss would just say it was a lawyer's fee and I would look like a monkey."

Carroll said he didn't know the name of the head of the Cedro Co. but that there is a Cedro Co. listed at 20 Broad St., New York City, which is undoubtedly the organization referred to.

I advised Mr. Carroll that the information furnished by him would receive appropriate consideration.

A few minutes later, Mr. Carroll telephoned me and advised that he has learned from his friend that the man who is head of the Cedro Company is also named Cedro. He said that he had also asked him whether his information related to Alger Hiss, and the individual said he was not sure whether it related to Alger Hiss or Donald Hiss but it was one of the Hisses.

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Teletype to Bureau identifying Cedro & inquiring re interview
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United States Department of Justice

New York, New York
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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

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During the interview with JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in Baltimore, Maryland on December 3, 1948, CHAMBERS described two individuals, members of the Communist Apparatus, who had operated as photographers of documents turned over to him by various members in the Apparatus. He furnished the following information concerning DAVID CARPENTER, wa: DAVID ZIMMERMAN:

When documents were secured by CHAMBERS, he would deliver them to DAVID CARPENTER to be photographed, the documents then being returned to CHAMBERS and as of a subsequent date, the film was turned over to CHAMBERS for delivery to Colonel BYKOV. DAVID CARPENTER was a native Baltimorean who, according to CHAMBERS, was active in the Communist Party in the vicinity of Baltimore prior to coming to Washington, which would be some time prior to 1936. A brother of CARPENTER, according to CHAMBERS' recollection, was a minor official in a CIO union in Baltimore, possibly in the light metals industry. CARPENTER was a member of CHAMBERS' Communist underground apparatus in Washington, D. C. and had been a member of the group when it was in charge of J. PETERS. CHAMBERS was acquainted with CARPENTER from 1936 to 1938 and recalls that CARPENTER was originally connected with WALD PIGMAN in a Communist apparatus. During the period of CHAMBERS' acquaintanceship, CARPENTER was for a time living with a woman named ELEANOR NELSON in an apartment somewhere in the vicinity of 17th and H Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C. NELSON was at that time involved in divorce proceedings from PAUL PORTER. According to CHAMBERS, NELSON had an apparatus of her own operating in Washington, D. C. and she was somewhat disturbed by the relationship with CARPENTER, thinking it might effect the operation of her Communist apparatus. CHAMBERS made the observation that WALD PIGMAN was possibly in the apparatus operated by ELEANOR NELSON.

In connection with the photographing of the documents, CHAMBERS, by pre-arrangement, would meet CARPENTER on the streets of Washington and recalls that CARPENTER utilized the apartment of a friend in Washington, D. C. for the purpose of photographing and developing the documents. This friend worked for a LUDWIG BAUMAN, who operated a furniture or department store in Washington, D. C. CHAMBERS was extremely vague as to the location of this friend's apartment, recalling that it was located generally in the southeast section of Washington, D. C., was in an apartment house, on a street



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where street cars operated and was at least a mile distant from the Capitol. The following descriptive details were furnished by CHAMBERS concerning DAVID CARPENTER, which description applies to the years 1936 to 1938:

Age	30 to 40
Height	5'8" to 5'9"
Weight	140 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Dark brown
Build	Slight
Characteristics	Low forehead; possibly wore a mustache at one time.
Complexion	Grayish, unhealthy looking, giving the appearance of being dirty at all times.
Race	Jewish.

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The name of DAVID CARPENTER, alias DAVID ZIMMERMAN was searched in the indices of the Baltimore office and a main file found, (Baltimore) file 100-8895, entitled "DAVID VERNON ZIMMERMAN, was: David V. Zimmerman, David Carpenter, INTERNAL SECURITY - C". This file reflected that an individual by the above name was a Communist Party organizer in Houston, Texas during the early part of 1943 and investigation in Baltimore was conducted to establish subject's background at that time. The description appearing in this file tallies generally with that furnished by CHAMBERS of DAVID CARPENTER. The last information in the Baltimore file concerning CARPENTER was a letter from the New York office dated in 1946, reflecting that CARPENTER resided in New York City and was a proofreader for the "Daily Worker".

CHAMBERS furnished the following information with respect to a photographer utilized in the apparatus, named KEITH:

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The name KEITH is a pseudonym, according to CHAMBERS' belief, and his true name was never known to CHAMBERS. KEITH was connected with Colonel BYKOV in New York City and came briefly to Washington sometime during 1937. He did some photographic work for the Communist apparatus and for CHAMBERS at an unidentified apartment somewhere in Northwest Washington, D. C. KEITH was introduced to CHAMBERS by Colonel BYKOV, CHAMBERS getting the impression that BYKOV was trying to get KEITH off his hands. CHAMBERS recalled that KEITH was once connecting link between Colonel BYKOV and an unnamed metallurgist from California, CHAMBERS pointing out that KEITH came from California originally. The metallurgist has a Russian-sounding name which CHAMBERS has previously furnished in discussions with then Assistant Secretary of State A. A. BERLE and the FBI. He described KEITH as follows as he looked in 1937:

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Age
Race
Build
Complexion
Hair
Eyes

Approximately 30
American, Gentile
Medium
Rather pale
Dark
Dark, eyes being folded down at
the corners giving KEITH a Chinese
appearance.

CHAMBERS was unable to furnish any more specific details concerning the general appearance of KEITH other than that reflected above.

Belmont
The above memorandum is being dictated at the request of ASAC Belmont in order to expedite the questioning of CARPENTER in New York City and to assist in the possible identification and location of KEITH.

DANIEL F. X. CALLAHAN
SA



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Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

On the evening of December 6, 1948, Assistant Director Ladd called to inquire whether the representative of the House Committee on Un-American Activities who appeared before the Federal Grand Jury today had brought with him any documents reflecting material given to the Committee by CHAMBERS. I advised Mr. Ladd it was my understanding that a MR. WHEELER had appeared and had brought with him at least some of the film which CHAMBERS had turned over to the Committee. Mr. Ladd requested that I ascertain at once just what material WHEELER had brought and call him back.

I immediately called Mr. Donegan and ascertained that WHEELER had brought prints of the film found in the pumpkin, that is, the prints of the film developed to date. According to WHEELER, some of the film was faint and they had not been able to develop it, but were still trying. I asked Mr. Donegan whether it would be possible for us to get photostatic copies of these prints and he advised it would be possible. SA J. T. Hilsbos immediately went up to Mr. Donegan's office and secured the prints.

I called Mr. Ladd to advise him of this and further advised him that Mr. Donegan and Mr. McGohey had informed me that the House Committee is apparently planning to hold hearings this evening in New York, at which time they will probably hear CHAMBERS, HISS and others as witnesses; further that they had invited Pathe News to take pictures of the hearing. I advised Mr. Ladd that Mr. McGohey had requested any information we might have as to the hearing and where it was to be held, inasmuch as Mr. Donegan had been talking to the Department and I



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was possible that the Department would want Mr. McGohey and Mr. Donegan to meet the Committee and tell them to cease and desist the hearing on the basis that it was interfering with the case. I advised Mr. Ladd that I had merely told Mr. McGohey that we would keep our ears open; that we did not know at this time where the Committee was meeting.

I pointed out to Mr. Ladd the only way we could find out would be to meet the train on which members of the Committee are coming up to New York, that is the 7:35 p.m. Pennsylvania train, and then put a surveillance on them. Mr. Ladd advised we should not do this and that we should take no action to learn where the Committee is meeting unless it comes to us through some of our sources.

At approximately 7:50 I again spoke to Mr. Ladd to advise him that we are making photostats of these prints and I asked him whether he wanted them mailed down or brought down by courier. He requested that an Agent bring them down tonight by train and that they be delivered to his office in the morning. At this time I advised Mr. Ladd that Mr. Donegan and Mr. McGohey had left hurriedly at approximately 7:15 to meet the 7:35 train. Exactly what their instructions were from the Department I did not know, but presumably they were going to attempt to take some action to stop the Committee in at least some phases of its hearing.

While speaking to Mr. Ladd, MISS NORMA ABRAMS of the Daily News who had previously contacted me to learn where the Committee was meeting and whom I had requested to advise me if she learned where the Committee was meeting, called to say that she understood the Committee was meeting at that time at the Commodore Hotel. I so informed Mr. Ladd. Mr. Ladd requested the Bureau be kept advised of any further developments in this.

I also advised Mr. Ladd that a MR. THOMPSON, Assistant Director of the European Division of the State Department, had looked over the prints and had stated that the prints of the film contained important and secret information.

A. H. BELMONT, ASAC



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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

This is to advise that on December 5, 1948, the writer obtained from the Bureau in Washington, D. C., at approximately 9:00 pm, photostatic copies of the alleged handwriting of HARRY DEXTER WHITE for delivery to ASAC Belmont in New York. At the same time, the writer obtained from the Bureau a photograph of DAVID CARPENTER to be delivered to ASAC Belmont.

On the morning of December 6, 1948, the writer, at the request of Mr. Belmont, delivered the above described photostatic copies to Special Assistant to the Attorney General Tom Donegan and turned over the photograph of CARPENTER to SA Tom Spencer of the New York office.

DANIEL F. X. CALLAHAN
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MEMO :

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was

RE : ALGER HISS
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MR. CLEGG
MR. HAIN
MR. LADD
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At 9:45 PM, ASST. DIRECTOR LADD telephonically contacted the writer and stated that MR. PEYTON FORD, ASST. ATTORNEY GENERAL had requested that MR. TOM DONEGAN be contacted, and instructed to have a subpoena issued for the appearance of ALGER HISS before the Federal Grand Jury next Wednesday. MR. LADD instructed that he be advised of MR. DONEGAN'S answer.

MR. DONEGAN was contacted by the writer and he stated he had spoken to MR. FORD on this matter ten minutes prior to being contacted by the writer and that he would get in touch with our office in the morning.

MR. LADD was advised of the foregoing and he requested that MR. BELMONT be instructed to call him tomorrow when he ascertains what action MR. DONEGAN is going to take on this matter.

MR. BELMONT was advised of the foregoing.

A. J. Mc GRATH
Special Agent

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I spoke to Mr. Donegan + advised him re above, also gave him the info in Baltimore teletype of 12-4 re interview of Chambers. Donegan said he was going to call Peyton Ford at once re issuing subpoenas + also re subpoenaing Stripling's mother. He said he was going to call Mr. Ladd + advised him re this. He said a subpoena was being served on Hiss by Tryon. He said as mentioned has been trying to get Hiss out of Baltimore.*

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Re Whittaker Chambers
Alger Hiss

Saa McFarlin of the Baltimore office advised that three copies of the report were being sent by special messenger. He stated that the messenger would arrive at the airport at 11 AM Sunday Dec 3 and that he would go directly to the New York office. He stated that one copy of the report should be made available to Mr. Donegan

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*Three copies of report brought by
Special Employee SC Bright who
arrived New York 11:30 AM from Balto.
Returning 3:00 PM flight 367 12/5/48
American Airlines
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*Copy of report by Agent FH Johnston
dated 12/4/48 at Balto given to
Mr. Donegan noon 12/5/48*



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MEMO

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

On the afternoon of December 4th I discussed in detail with Mr. T. J. Donegan what information he desired to develop in connection with the appearance of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and ALGER HISS before the Grand Jury on December 6th, with particular reference to any necessary investigation to corroborate or disprove statements given by HISS and CHAMBERS to the Baltimore Agents. Mr. Donegan requested that we locate and interview NATHAN LEVINE, the nephew of CHAMBERS' wife, who, according to CHAMBERS' statement, had custody of the envelope containing the documents and film produced by CHAMBERS in Baltimore. The purpose of the interview with LEVINE would be to ascertain all information in his possession concerning these items, when they were turned over by CHAMBERS, when they were removed by him, where they were kept, what instructions CHAMBERS gave LEVINE, etc.

The Brooklyn and Manhattan telephone directories reflected a NATHAN L. LEVINE, residence 960 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, and a NATHAN L. LEVINE, attorney, with offices at 152 West 42 Street, New York. This would appear to be the LEVINE in question.

Mr. Donegan also suggested that HENRY COLLINS be interviewed inasmuch as CHAMBERS stated that COLLINS was introduced to BYKOV. This is apparently identical with HENRY H. COLLINS, Jr., 58 Park Avenue, New York, Executive Director of the American Russian Institute, who testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Mr. Donegan also suggested that GEORGE SILVERMAN, whose latest address was reflected as 225 West 23 Street, New York, be interviewed. The purpose of these interviews would be to ascertain all information in their possession relative to BYKOV and the alleged introduction of them to BYKOV by CHAMBERS.

Mr. Donegan also advised that if it was ascertained that DAVID CARPENTER is the same as DAVID ZIMMERMAN, on whom we have a file, that ZIMMERMAN be interviewed relative to CHAMBERS' allegation that he photographed



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some of this material for CHAMBERS.

At 5 p.m. on December 4th, I called Mr. Ladd regarding these interviews, and he authorized us to conduct them. I mentioned to Mr. Ladd that in view of the shortage of time and the fact that Mr. Donegan plans to subpoena these people before the Grand Jury on Monday, December 6th, Donegan wanted us to serve subpoenas for their appearance. Mr. Ladd advised that the Marshal should serve these subpoenas unless it was absolutely necessary that we do so for the good of the case. I advised Mr. Donegan the Bureau's feelings in this regard. He stated that efforts had already been made to have the Marshals available for this purpose, but it was felt that the Marshals would not be able to locate these people in time. He suggested that when the Agents interview these individuals they advise them to appear at the Courthouse at 10 a.m. Monday morning, at which time a subpoena will be served on them, but if they express unwillingness, he asked that, if at all possible, we serve the subpoenas on them. Inasmuch as time was of the essence and this appeared to be a logical step, I advised the Agents to follow this course of action.

While I was speaking to Mr. Ladd I mentioned that possibly these individuals would want their attorneys present before they spoke to the Agents. I suggested we go ahead anyway even if the attorneys are present. He said this would be all right.

At 1 p.m. December 5th, I spoke to Supervisor Randolph of the Bureau and advised him there was certain information we desired the Bureau to pass on:

1 - Mr. Donegan had requested that SA Daniel F. X. Callahan, who witnessed the statements of both CHAMBERS and HISS, be present in New York City on Monday morning, December 6th for Grand Jury purposes. I suggested to Mr. Randolph that the Bureau instruct Callahan to come up, and I advised that if the Bureau desires Frank G. Johnstone, who also witnessed these statements, to come to New York, there was no objection.

2 - I inquired whether the sheets of paper bearing the handwriting of HARRY DEXTER WHITE, as set forth in the statement of CHAMBERS, would be available for the Grand Jury on December 6th.

3 - I advised that we had interviewed NATHAN LEVINE on the evening of December 4th and that it now turns out that the documents and film were in the home of LEVINE's mother at 260 Rochester Avenue, Brooklyn. I advised that it was our opinion that we should search MRS. LEVINE's home, with the consent and presence of NATHAN LEVINE, in order to be sure that there were no further documents or information of importance. I pointed out that if the House

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Committee investigators conduct such a search and came up with additional information it would embarrass the Bureau, and therefore I thought, from that angle, as well as from the angle of thorough investigation, we should go ahead and make the search. I advised Mr. Randolph we were going ahead with this because I could see no objection to it.

4 - I inquired whether the Baltimore Office had been able to identify the photographer FELIX.

5 - I inquired on what basis the Bureau was of the opinion that DAVID CARPENTER was the same individual as DAVID ZIMMERMAN on whom we have a file. I pointed out that the first serial in ZIMMERMAN's file is a letter from Washington Field in August 1941 reflecting a change of address on ZIMMERMAN as a Custodial Detention subject, and therefore the information which would tie ZIMMERMAN in with the DAVE CARPENTER in question was probably in the Baltimore or Washington Field file prior to that time.

At 2:30 p.m. I spoke to Mr. Floyd Jones, Supervisor at the Bureau handling this case. He advised that he would consult with Mr. Ladd or Mr. Fletcher relative to sending Agent Callahan up to New York and would let us know. He advised that the papers with the handwriting of HARRY DEXTER WHITE were being photostated at the Bureau and the originals were being turned over to RAY WHEARTY of the Department, along with the original statements of HISS and CHAMBERS, so that WHEARTY might bring them to New York for the morning of December 6th. He advised he had not discussed the search of MRS. LEVINE's home with Mr. Ladd as yet, but I advised him we were going ahead any way as it appeared to be a logical step. He advised that FELIX had not yet been identified by Baltimore. He suggested that I call ASAC Lally of the Baltimore Office relative to the background of DAVID CARPENTER.

I pointed out to Mr. Jones that from reading the Baltimore report dated December 4th on CHAMBERS, it occurred to me that the Bureau might want the wife of ALGER HISS interviewed, as CHAMBERS said she had copied some of the documents on the typewriter. Mr. Jones suggested we take this up with Mr. Donegan and get his opinion. He pointed out that MRS. HISS was apparently residing at 22 East Eighth Street, New York, as this was the address given by HISS in his statement of December 4th.

I pointed out that, according to the statement of HISS, the HISSes had an old typewriter, but that it had been disposed of. However, prior to the possession by HISS of the typewriter, it had belonged to the father of MRS. HISS, MR. THOMAS FANSLER. I pointed out it might be possible to get documents from MR. FANSLER which were written on this typewriter before it came into the possession of ALGER HISS, and a comparison of such documents

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with the documents in question produced by CHAMBERS might reflect that they were written on the same typewriter. Mr. Jones advised that the Bureau would consider this and follow up on it.

Mr. Jones advised that Assistant Director Nichols had inquired whether CHAMBERS was hospitalized in White Plains. He suggested that we check the hospitals in the vicinity of White Plains to find this out. I pointed out that we had checked the hospitals around White Plains previously at the Bureau's request; that there were numerous hospitals in that vicinity and unless we had the name under which CHAMBERS allegedly went into the hospital and the approximate date, any recheck would be fruitless. He agreed we should not go further on this.

Immediately thereafter I called the Baltimore Office; however, Mr. Lally was not there. I requested that Mr. Lally call me back, which he did. I inquired of him as to why it was believed that ZIMMERMAN and the DAVID CARPENTER mentioned by CHAMBERS were the same person. He advised that CHAMBERS had stated he knew this photographer as DAVE CARPENTER and that CHAMBERS thought his real name was DAVE ZIMMERMAN, as CARPENTER is ZIMMERMAN in German. CHAMBERS further gave a description of CARPENTER which matches with the description of ZIMMERMAN as maintained in the Baltimore file.

Mr. Lally advised that CARPENTER had been living with ELEANOR NELSON, now known as ELEANOR NELSON SOYRING at the time that he was alleged to have been making these photographs in Washington. ELEANOR SOYRING was active in the United Federal Workers. According to Mr. Lally, she is now in Baltimore.

Mr. Lally advised further that CHAMBERS had mentioned a third photographer, one KEITH, residing in New York City. I advised him that this was the first I heard of KEITH and he said he would have Agent Callahan, who has been handling this matter in the Baltimore Office, call me and give me all the information available regarding CARPENTER and KEITH.

I then spoke to Mr. Donegan concerning the above matters and he suggested that MRS. HISS be interviewed and advised he was going to issue a subpoena for her. He advised Mr. Whearty was with him and had already come up from Washington. Consequently, Mr. Jones was advised that other arrangements should be made to get the originals of the two statements and the papers bearing WHITE's handwriting up to New York. I also advised Mr. Jones that Mr. Donegan wanted MRS. HISS interviewed and we were going ahead on this and that he was going to issue a subpoena on MRS. HISS.

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I also pointed out that Mr. Lally in my conversation with him had mentioned that CHAMBERS said there was a third photographer involved, a man by the name of KEITH, and that Agent Callahan of the Baltimore Office was going to call me and give me what details he had on this. I also inquired whether anyone was interviewing HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH of Falls Church, Virginia, who was implicated by CHAMBERS. I also pointed out that Mr. Lally had mentioned that while DAVE CARPENTER was living in Washington and apparently during the period he was doing this photography for CHAMBERS, he was living with ELEANOR NELSON, whose name is now ELEANOR SOYRING and who is living in Baltimore. I inquired whether the Bureau was going to consider interviewing her as to her knowledge of CARPENTER's photographic activities for CHAMBERS.

Mr. Jones advised that he would discuss these various suggestions with Mr. Fletcher and that the original statements and papers with WHITE's handwriting would be sent up to New York probably with Agent Callahan. Further, a photograph of ZIMMERMAN would be sent up. I advised our file contains a photograph of ZIMMERMAN, but it appears to be in profile and reflects him as one of three persons. Mr. Jones advised that the Bureau's photograph is full face and they will send it up with the other items mentioned above.

A. H. BELMONT, ASAC



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RE : WHITTAKER CHAMBERS .
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B.A.C. Mc FARLAND of Baltimore called at 7:50 PM and furnished a description of DAVID CARPENTER 30-40 years, 5' 8 1/2", 140 pounds, slender, blue eyes, dark brown hair, low forehead, Jewish, native of Baltimore.

Above given to S. A. Flynn. Flynn advised at 11:15 PM that he had definitely determined that CARPENTER moved from 23 Washington Ave. to 309 South Broadway, and his description fitted.

The South Nyack P. D. found out that CARPENTER usually takes the 11 AM bus to New York during the week.

John F. Sullivan
Special Agent

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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

Re my memo of December 5, setting forth developments in the above entitled memo.

At 5:25 pm, SA Spencer called to advise that COLLINS had been interviewed and COLLINS thinks that he met CHAMBERS twice at cocktail parties in Washington, D. C. in about 1934 or 1935 under another name. COLLINS is very vague about this but positively denied any knowledge of Colonel BYKOV or PETER. COLLINS was instructed to come before the Grand Jury on the morning of December 6. Agent Spencer will furnish the results of the interview in more detail later. *It was shared with a Sullivan.*

On the afternoon of December 5, I called Resident Agent Jerry Flynn at Suffern and requested him to check with the Chief of Police at South Nyack to find out whether ZIMMERMAN is still living at 23 Washington Avenue, South Nyack, the last address we have for him. I requested that this information be obtained without indicating the Bureau's interest in ZIMMERMAN.

At 5:25 pm, Agent Flynn called back to advise that neither the Chief nor the Sheriff know the subject under any of his names and that no automobile was listed for him. The Chief lives behind the Washington Avenue address and will check further. Agent Flynn will check the Post Office address changes and let us know on Monday morning. Later, Agent Flynn called to advise that Sergeant VITALE, South Nyack Police Department, had informed that a DAVID CARPENTER did reside at 23 Washington Avenue, South Nyack, until last September, together with one HEPPLEFINGER. The house is now empty and HEPPLEFINGER moved to River Road, Grand View on the Hudson, last July. Agent Flynn determined through telephone service that DAVID CARPENTER, 23 Washington Avenue, Nyack 775 W, transferred to Nyack 956 R, which is 309 South Broadway, South Nyack. Agent Flynn is continuing his verification of CARPENTER's residence in South Nyack and will call again on the morning of December 6th.



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MEMO

December 6, 1948

At 6:00 pm, SA Spencer called to advise that the agents had been successful in talking to GEORGE SILVERMAN but SILVERMAN would not discuss anything without his attorney. He was directed to appear before the Grand Jury on the morning of December 6.

At 6:05 pm, I spoke to SA Kelly and suggested that the agents continue their watch of NATHAN LEVINE's place in Brooklyn up to 9:00 pm and if LEVINE does not come here by that time, discontinue their efforts until the morning as it was not thought desirable to conduct a search after 9:00 pm.

At 5:45 pm, Mr. Floyd Jones of the Bureau called to advise that Special Agent Dan Callahan of the Baltimore office was catching the 11:35 pm plane from Washington, D. C., to arrive at LaGuardia Field about 12:35 am and would come to the New York office. He will bring with him photostatic copies of WHITE's handwriting and the photograph of CARPENTER. I advised Mr. Jones we would make a hotel reservation for Agent Callahan.

SPENCER

SA Kelly also called to advise that Mrs. HISS was out and would not be back until about 11:00 pm. I advised him that he should not try to interview her at that time of night; that if the interview was desired by Mr. Donegan, we would conduct it on December 6th.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

12-6-48
S.A. Flynn called to say
that Carpenter appears to be at
309 S. Broadway, So. Nyack, which
is house where Steve Nelson
used to live. Carpenter got
home very late but does not
for N.Y.C. until about 11 am. If
Chambers identifies the photos
we should interview Carpenter
in So. Nyack the morning
of 12-7



**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New York, New York
December 6, 1948

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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

On the morning of December 6, 1948, SAC McFarlin of the Baltimore office called and advised that that office had received instructions from Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the bureau to make efforts to locate DAVID CARPENTER.

I advised Mr. McFarlin that a resident agent had located an individual at South Nyack whom we believe to be identical with CARPENTER and that CARPENTER's photograph is going to be exhibited to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS today to see if he can identify him.

Mr. McFarlin advised that the Baltimore office would therefore conduct no investigation to locate CARPENTER until we advised him whether or not CHAMBERS identified CARPENTER's photograph. I informed Mr. McFarlin that I would let him know whether or not CHAMBERS identifies CARPENTER's photograph, and if he does, we will interview CARPENTER here, and if not, the Baltimore office can conduct an investigation to locate CARPENTER.

A. H. BELMONT
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IN CHAMBERS POSSESSION. THIS CONVERSATION APPARENTLY ANTEDATED SERVICE OF SUBPOENA BY HCUA DEC. SECOND. NATHAN L. LEVINE AND A. GEORGE SILVERMAN DID NOT TESTIFY TODAY AND WERE EXCUSED UNTIL DEC. SEVENTH. THIS PH L. E. THOMPSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN DIVISION, DEPT. OF STATE, EXAMINED IN DONEGAN-S OFFICE COPIES OF MATERIAL CHAMBERS PRODUCED AT PRETRAIL EXAMINATIONS AND ALSO PRINTS OF FILM SECURED FROM CHAMBERS DEC. SECOND LAST. THOMPSON COMMENTED TO DONEGAN THERE WAS NOTHING PARTICULARLY EMBARRASSING IN FIRST GROUP AND THAT THEY APPARENTLY WERE COPIES OF STATE DEPT. MATERIAL. HE STATED, HOWEVER, MUCH OF MATERIAL LOCATED DEC. SECOND WAS TOP SECRET AND WOULD HAVE CARRIED SUCH A DESIGNATION IF ONE HAD BEEN IN USE BY STATE DEPT DURING PERTINENT PERIOD, BUT AT LEAST THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL THEN. HE MENTIONED ONE DOCUMENT PARTICULARLY MIGHT CAUSE SOME EMBARRASSMENT IF PUBLICIZED INASMUCH AS IT INDICATED CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO REPROACHMENT BETWEEN US AND GERMANY ON ECONOMIC BASIS. DONEGAN STATES HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL TODAY FROM PEYTON FORD OF DEPT. ADVISING HIM THOMPSON WAS PROCEEDING NYC AND WOULD CONTACT HIM THROUGH USA MC GOWEY. SUBPOENAS ISSUED TODAY FOR GJ APPEAR DEC. EIGHT ON DONAL. HISS AND HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH. AT FOUR FORTY PM TODAY DONEGAN RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM PATHE NEWS ASKING LOCAT
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
DECEMBER 7, 1948

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Special Agent in Charge

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New York, New York
December 7, 1948

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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

At 10:15 am today, Agent Kirkland of the Philadelphia office called from the office of Mr. MARTIN in Philadelphia and inquired whether HORACE W. SCHMAHL was known to be connected with the U. S. Government's presentation in this case or whether he was connected with the defense. Mr. Kirkland explained that yesterday, Mr. SCHMAHL called the office of Mr. MARTIN and made inquiries about the typewriter which is of interest in this matter.

After checking with Agent Tom Spencer, I advised Mr. Kirkland that SCHMAHL is an investigator employed by McCLAIN, who is one of HISS' attorneys. I informed Mr. Kirkland that HISS appeared before the Grand Jury yesterday and Mrs. HISS was questioned in the New York office, and the question of this typewriter came up on both occasions. I further informed Mr. Kirkland that McCLAIN has indicated that he would assist us in attempting to locate this typewriter and if he found it, would furnish us with samples of the typing. I told Mr. Kirkland that this does not justify our calling off any inquiries regarding the typewriter.

Mr. Kirkland informed me that Mr. SCHMAHL had called the office of Mr. MARTIN yesterday and tried to ascertain if papers typed on the typewriter in question had been located. He has also called Mr. MARTIN three times this morning and has advised Mr. MARTIN that if the paper is located, he will send a man from New York down to Philadelphia to pick the paper up. Mr. Kirkland stated that the paper has not as yet been found and that Mr. MARTIN is continuing to hold SCHMAHL's inquiries off. In the event Mr. MARTIN does locate the paper bearing specimens from the typewriter in question, Mr. Kirkland will be so advised.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC



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New York, New York
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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

On the morning of December 7, 1948, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau called referring to the teletype in instant case concerning the interview with WADLEIGH.

I advised Mr. Fletcher that we will attempt to interview WHITTAKER CHAMBERS this morning before he appears before the Grand Jury in an effort to determine who HAROLD WILSON is.

Mr. Fletcher stated that if New York were not already the office of origin in this case, we would be so designated.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, N. Y.



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FILE NO.

December 7, 1948

MEMORANDUM:

Re: WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

At 8:50 a.m. today Special Agent in Charge McFarlin of the Baltimore Office called, referring to WFO teletype of 10:46 p.m. yesterday. This teletype requested Baltimore to interview WHITTAKER CHAMBERS in an attempt to identify HAROLD. Mr. McFarlin inquired as to whether CHAMBERS was still in New York, and upon being advised that he was, requested this office to handle this interview. I told him we would do this.

Mr. McFarlin stated that Baltimore is having serious difficulty identifying FELIX'S house, and desire arrangements made by this office to have CHAMBERS stop off at Baltimore en route to Washington to assist Baltimore in this identification. I told him that we would arrange through CHAMBERS for this today. He requested that Baltimore be advised telephonically of the arrangements that are made.

Mr. McFarlin inquired as to whether ZIMMERMAN'S photograph has been shown to CHAMBERS, and he was advised that this had not been done; that TOM DONEGAN intends to show it to him before the Grand Jury.

A. J. TUOHY,
Special Agent

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607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, New York

December 7, 1948

Mr. Edward L. Brame
Legal Department
New York Telephone Co.
140 West St.
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged for the information concerning:

HENRY H. COLLINS
58 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY
LEXINGTON 2-5430

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The above was needed by us in connection with an official investigation presently engaging our attention.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New York, New York
December 7, 1948

MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
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On the afternoon of December 7, 1948, I advised ASAC Lally of the Baltimore office that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS was interviewed today and now recalls that FELIX's apartment was located at an intersection of Konig and Callow Streets. CHAMBERS recalled that the house stood out because of the fact that the rest of the surrounding neighborhood consisted of rows of houses.

Mr. Lally informed me that the Baltimore office had located one house, 2113 Brookfield Street, which is a three-family house. He said this house is set apart from the rows of houses. Mr. Lally further advised that one SAMUEL J. PELOVITZ lived at 2113 Brookfield Street. Mr. Lally pointed out that when CARPENTER registered for Selective Service in Baltimore, he gave PELOVITZ as the person who would always know his address, indicating a definite connection between CARPENTER and PELOVITZ. PELOVITZ is a printer and his description tallies with that of FELIX. Mr. Lally stated that PELOVITZ is a discharged Navy veteran who was born in New York City on September 22, 1908. He requested that the New York indices be checked to see if we have any information on him. He advised that the Baltimore office has a number of references on PELOVITZ indicated that he is a CP member in Baltimore but there is no main file on him. Baltimore is checking on PELOVITZ at the present time in an attempt to obtain background information on him.

Mr. Lally advised that the Baltimore office would attempt to take photographs of the vicinity of Konig and Callow Streets and of 2113 Brookfield Street to see if CHAMBERS could identify the exact house in question. He also stated that as soon as a picture of PELOVITZ is obtained, it will be forwarded to the New York office.

I informed Mr. Lally that CHAMBERS had identified CARPENTER's picture and had stated CARPENTER was the individual who introduced him to WADLEIGH of the State Department. From information furnished by CHAMBERS, it now appears that CARPENTER was more than a photographer and had actually received documents from WADLEIGH.



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December 7, 1948

I told Mr. Lally that we intend to interview CARPENTER tomorrow. Mr. Lally advised that CARPENTER is on the National Review Commission of the CP.

ASAC Lally subsequently called to state that the records of the Baltimore office reflected that PELOVITZ was inducted into the US Navy on June 28, 1944 at Baltimore, Maryland, was assigned NSN 927-82-07, and was discharged at the U.S. N. T. C. at Shelton, Virginia on January 1, 1946. Mr. Lally stated that all of the records, including a possible photograph, were maintained at the U. S. Naval Record Center at Garden City, Long Island and suggested that immediate steps be taken to obtain all this information and particularly a photograph so it can be exhibited to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS for identification.

THOMAS G. SPENCER
SA



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York 7, N. Y.

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Dec. 7, 1948

FILE NO.

MEMO :

RE : WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R

At 3:45 PM today a man who said his name was HORACE SCHMALL, private investigator employed by MR. EDWARD L. McLEAN, attorney in NYC for ALGER HISS telephonically contacted the writer and stated the following:

- 1) He had telephonically contacted a MR. MARTIN in PHILADELPHIA re the typewriter MRS. HISS received from her father.
- 2) That he was going to Phila. tomorrow as MARTIN had not furnished all of the information he desired.
- 3) That he wanted to cooperate with the FBI and should he turn over to the Phila. office what he had obtained from MARTIN.

The writer responded as follows:

The FBI conducted all investigations independent of any other investigative agency.

That MR. McLEAN had talked with the writer and that any information or material obtained from MR. McLEAN would be between MR. McLEAN and the FBI. That information concerning any investigation would be divulged only at the proper time in court.

At a later hour namely 6:00 PM the writer talked with MRS. HISS and MR. McLEAN at which time MR. McLEAN was told in substance what was previously furnished to MR. SCHMALL and that the FBI did not desire to jointly conduct an investigation in any manner with a private agency.

At noon time today MR. McLEAN turned over to the writer 3 specimens of typewritten material which are being forwarded to the Bureau and described in a separate communication.

Francis D. O'Brien,
Special Agent

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, 7, New York



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FILE NO.

December 7, 1948

Memo:

Re: Jay David Whittaker Chambers
Perjury
Internal Security- R.
Espionage- R.

S.A. James Kirkland of the Philadelphia Office telephonically contacted the writer this evening and stated that t HARRY MARTIN called him at 5 PM this evening and advised that HORACE SCHMALL had telephonically contacted him and made following comments, " We have talked to O'Brien of the F.B.I. here, we are cooperating with F.B.I. here, case revolves around typewriter, we will be in touch with Philadelphia Office. We found a letter in his belongings which was typed on his typewriter. Typing experts have it now. It is important I talk to you tomorrow with some one else. We will leave N.Y. at 9 tomorrow."

Kirkland stated that S.A.C. Boardman had instructed him to call this office to ascertain the following:

1. Does our office have any observation to make concernig having a Phila. agent sit in on the conference between MARTIN and SCHMALL tomorrow.

2. Has SCHMALL or McLEAN spoken to O'Brien.

3. Are they cooperating with this office.

4. Do we have letter mentioned by SCHMALL.

Kirkland stated Boardman wanted this information when he spoke to Mr. Fletcher of the Bureau tomorrow morning.
The foregoing was related to S.A. J. Hilsbos and Asst. SAC Belmont.

S.A. A.J. Mc Grath

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MEMO:

Re: WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Re: MRS. ALGER HISS

On December 6, 1948, MRS. ALGER HISS was interviewed in the presence of her attorney, MR. EDWARD C. MC LEAN, 20 Exchange Place, New York City, by SA THOMAS G. SPENCER and the writer.

The arrangements for the interview were previously made with MR. MC LEAN and he requested that he be present during the time of the interview.

MRS. HISS was first questioned concerning her knowledge or acquaintanceship with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. MRS. HISS advised that she knew an individual by the name of GEORGE CROSLY in 1935 and whom she has now identified to be WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. She further stated that in 1935, exact date not known by her, CHAMBERS and his wife sublet her apartment, which was located at 2831 28th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and that she, herself, was living at 2905 P. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. She stated that for a short period of time CHAMBERS and his wife stayed in MRS. HISS' home on P. Street waiting to move into the sublet apartment on 28th Street. Continuing, she advised that she had never socialized to any degree with the CHAMBERS and that she did not particularly desire to associate with MRS. CHAMBERS in a social way.

MRS. HISS was advised of the facts concerning the allegations made by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS to the effect that he had received documents from ALGER HISS which were taken from the State Department to HISS' home. MRS. HISS then stated that she had no knowledge of any documents, notes or any other material that MR. HISS had in his possession and had no knowledge of his bringing the material mentioned to his home.

MRS. HISS was specifically questioned concerning the typewriter that she had in her home on which CHAMBERS had claimed that the documents

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were typed. MRS. HISS then stated that all she could recall concerning the typewriter was that it was a typewriter which belonged to her father, THOMAS L. FANSLER, who was in the insurance business in Philadelphia. She believed that it was the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company for which he acted as agent. She stated that this typewriter was given to her by her father possibly in 1932 or 1933; that her father died in 1940; and that she could not recall how she had disposed of it. She could not recall the make of the typewriter. The only thing she remembered about it was that it was an old-fashioned typewriter which her father had used for a number of years.

MRS. HISS stated that she, herself, was not a proficient typist but that she had typed up several things on the typewriter and used the one-finger method for such typing.

During the course of the interview, MR. MC LEAN mentioned that MRS. HISS had written a book. The Agents questioned her as to whether or not she had typed up the manuscript for the book on her typewriter. She advised that she had only typed a few of the pages of the manuscript on the typewriter and the rest was in longhand. She further stated that no copy of the manuscript was available. The book was published by the Carnegie Foundation, the exact year she could not recall but thought it was in the early 30s. She stated that she has searched through her papers in an effort to locate material which may have been typed up on the questioned typewriter but she was not successful. MR. MC LEAN interjected and stated that he had learned that there were two typewritten papers written up by MRS. HISS' son and that he would attempt to locate these papers and make them available to the Agents. MRS. HISS then stated that she could not possibly say that these papers were typewritten on the machine that she had in her possession in 1935 or 1936.

It will be recalled that a Ford car had been previously mentioned by MR. CHAMBERS as having been in his possession and which was formerly owned by HISS. MRS. HISS stated that she recalls the Ford car very well and that her husband, ALGER HISS, had given the Ford automobile to CHAMBERS. She could not recall the year but believed it was in 1935 or 1936.

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MRS. HISS emphatically stated that she had never heard her husband or CHAMBERS discuss any material which had been obtained from the Government or documents which MR. HISS might have had in his possession in his official capacity. She further stated that she had never heard the name of Colonel BYKOV mentioned by CHAMBERS or by her husband. It is to be noted that CHAMBERS introduced HISS to Colonel BYKOV in Brooklyn, New York, and that BYKOV was the contact man for the Russian Intelligence in the United States.

MRS. HISS advised that her given name was FRISCILLA and that she taught the Seventh and Eighth Grades at the Dalton School, located at 108 East 89th Street, New York City. She further added that in the event she is able to find any specimens of any kind which may have been written up on the questioned typewriter, she would furnish them to this office through her attorney.

FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN, SA

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TO : SAC, New York

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia *Subject 65-*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE (R)

DATE: December 7, 1948

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Enclosed herewith are three copies of the report of Special Agent James L. Kirkland, dated December 7, 1948, at Philadelphia, one of which should be delivered to Mr. T. J. DONEGAN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

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MEMO.

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.;
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the above agents interviewed

On December 8, 1948, at 9:00 A.M., the writers spoke to DAVID CARPENTER at his home at 309 South Broadway, South Nyack, New York. The writers properly identified themselves and CARPENTER was then advised of his rights to counsel and of the fact that he did not have to talk with the writers. He was told that the writers desired to ask some questions about himself. CARPENTER then volunteered to speak with the writers. The general nature of the inquiry, concerning CARPENTER'S association during 1936, 1937 and 1938 with JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was conveyed to CARPENTER.

CARPENTER said he was born June 21, 1906 at Baltimore, Maryland under the name of DAVID ZIMMERMAN, but said that for the last twenty years, he has been known as DAVID CARPENTER. He related that he is presently employed as a book reviewer and proofreader by the New York "DAILY WORKER" and advised that he had worked in the past for the Communist Party.

CARPENTER stated that he was originally from Baltimore, Maryland. He was asked where he resided during the period from 1936 to 1938 inclusive and said that to the best of his recollection, he resided in Baltimore, Maryland during that time, with his mother, RACHEL ZIMMERMAN, at 100 Jackson Place. He went on to say that during that period, he was writing a book and was in and out of Washington, D. C. frequently, but said that he could recall no residence in Washington, D. C., until 1939. He advised that during 1939, he had a residence in Washington, D. C., while he was employed there by the "Workers Alliance", but that at the moment, he could not recall the address of this Washington, D. C. residence he had in 1939.

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CARPENTER was asked if he was acquainted with JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, under that name or under the names WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, LLOYD CANTWELL, GEORGE CROSLY, or "CARL". He said that he ~~is~~ a long-time Communist, ~~he~~ knows of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS because of CHAMBERS' former association with the "NEW MASSES". He said, however, that he cannot recall any personal association with CHAMBERS under that name or any of the names mentioned above.

CARPENTER was then shown two photographs of CHAMBERS, which photographs appeared on pages one and three of the New York "DAILY NEWS", issue of December 7, 1948. CARPENTER, after examining said photographs, related that he would not say whether he did or did not know CHAMBERS, but said that the photographs appeared vaguely familiar with some individual with whom he had formerly been acquainted. CARPENTER said that he could not recall the name of the individual of which these photographs reminded him, but advised merely that he would not state whether he did or did not know CHAMBERS because he said he could not recall. CARPENTER said that from reading the newspapers, he was acquainted with the CHAMBERS' story.

CARPENTER was asked if he ever was personally acquainted with an individual named SAMUEL J. PELOVITZ. CARPENTER said that he was acquainted with SAMUEL J. PELOVITZ, and that he had known PELOVITZ from Baltimore, Maryland since about 1930. He stated that PELOVITZ was a printer in Baltimore and advised that PELOVITZ' father had had a printing business there and that SAMUEL J. PELOVITZ had taken over his father's printing place. He said that he could not recall exactly how he met PELOVITZ, but knows that he became acquainted with PELOVITZ when he was in Baltimore, Maryland in about 1930.

CARPENTER was further asked if he knew PELOVITZ under the name of "FELIX". CARPENTER said that he did not know PELOVITZ under that name and advised further that he had never known anyone named FELIX.

CARPENTER was then asked if he had ever personally known an individual named HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH. He said that he had known such a person and referred to this person thereafter as JULIAN WADLEIGH. CARPENTER said that he had met WADLEIGH in Washington, D. C. at some party there in about 1932.

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CARPENTER was asked if he could recall any association during 1936 to 1938 with CHAMBERS in connection with his association with WADLEIGH or with PELOVITZ. CARPENTER said he could not recall any association on his part with CHAMBERS under that name or any of the other names mentioned above in connection with his association or acquaintanceship with WADLEIGH or PELOVITZ.

The question was then put to CARPENTER as to whether he had received any papers or documentary material from CHAMBERS, WADLEIGH or PELOVITZ in 1936, 1937, 1938 or at any time. Although a more complete description of the documentary material referred to in the question last put to CARPENTER was not given, he thereupon stated that he would refuse to answer further questions or volunteer additional information without first having received the advice of counsel. At this point, the interrogation of DAVID CARPENTER was for the purposes of this inquiry concluded.

At that point, at 9:20 A.M., the subpoena calling for DAVID CARPENTER'S appearance before the Federal Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York at noon, December 8, 1948, was served upon CARPENTER.

CARPENTER then voluntarily offered to ride back to New York City with the writers as a matter of convenience to CARPENTER. At his request, CARPENTER was taken to the offices of the "DAILY WORKER" and CARPENTER then left the writer's at 12th Street and University Place.

It is noted that CARPENTER appeared to be evasive in regard to questions put to him as to his personal acquaintance with CHAMBERS.

The following description of CARPENTER was obtained from personal observation and interrogation:

Name
Alias
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Citizenship

DAVID ZIMMERMAN
David Carpenter
June 21, 1906
Baltimore, Maryland
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Color	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'7"
Weight	140
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Sallow
Peculiarities	Deep furrows running from corners of eyes past nostrils; Smokes pipe constantly
Marital status	Married
Relatives	Wife, MARION ZIMMERMAN, aka.: MARION CARPENTER
Occupation	Two children, both boys, names unknown. Book reviewer and proofreader for New York "DAILY WORKER".

ROBERT F. X. O'KEEFE, SA

JAMES P. MARTIN, SA

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New York, New York
December 7, 1948

MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

MR. SCHEIDT
MR. BELMONT
MR. WIGAN
MR. COLLIER
MR. GRANVILLE
MR. LUTHER
MR. MACDONALD
MR. MURPHY
MR. NICHOLS
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MR. WATSON
PROPERTY CLERK
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At 9:45 pm on December 6, Mr. Donegan called to advise that the Attorney General had wanted Mr. McGohey and Mr. Donegan to see members of the HCUA who were going to hold a hearing in the CHAMBERS matter here in New York City, in an effort to stop them from interfering with the current investigation. Mr. Donegan advised that Mr. McGohey had spoken to Judge Clancy to see whether it was possible to get an order to cease and desist. However, Judge Clancy advised that the House Committee appeared to be within its powers. Mr. Donegan advised that Mr. McGohey and he had gone up to the Hotel Commodore and that Mr. McGohey and he had met the Committee when it came in on the 7:35 pm train; had gone up to the Hotel Commodore where the hearing was to be held; that they had informed the Committee that the hearings and the publication of the hearing were interfering with the current Grand Jury investigation in New York City. As a consequence, the Committee agreed that they would question only those individuals whom they considered to be vital to their hearings and that they would not publish the results of the hearings. Following the discussion between Mr. McGohey and Mr. Donegan and the Committee, the Committee called the press and informed the press that they were going to cooperate with the Department of Justice officials in New York City in this investigation. Mr. Donegan advised the Committee was hearing CHAMBERS and that it appeared that as a result of the discussion, the Committee would leave for Washington and not continue the hearings. He advised that McDOWELL, NIXON, STRIPLING and three other investigators whom he believed to be MANDELBAUM, APPLE and MCKETTRICK, comprised the sub-committee.

At 9:45 pm, I called Assistant Director Ladd and furnished him with this information.

It is noted further that on the evening of December 6, Mr. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, Assistant to the Attorney General, called to advise that he had just arrived by plane and was going to the Barclay Hotel. Mr. Irving Saypol had met him and was bringing him in. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Saypol called to advise that Mr. CAMPBELL was going to the Biltmore Hotel and could be reached there if there were any messages on this matter. *[Handwritten initials]*



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RE: WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

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At 1:15 pm on December 7, Mr. Fletcher of the bureau called to inquire whether we had any information regarding what had gone on before the Grand Jury on the morning of December 7. I advised him we knew that Agent Callahan had been before the Grand Jury but that we did not know what else had transpired as the Grand Jury was still going on and we would have to wait until we could get hold of Mr. Donegan. I advised Mr. Fletcher we had interviewed CHAMBERS and that he had identified CARPENTER as ZIMMERMAN and that we would interview CARPENTER on the morning of December 8.

I further spoke to Mr. Fletcher at 1:50 pm to advise him that CHAMBERS had given us a 2½ page statement relative to his relations with WADLEIGH and that CARPENTER appeared to be more than a mere photographer according to CHAMBERS. Further, CHAMBERS claimed that CARPENTER introduced WADLEIGH to him and that he did not know HAROLD WILSON. I pointed out that it could well be that CARPENTER was using the name HAROLD WILSON in dealing with WADLEIGH and suggested that the Washington Field office immediately show CARPENTER's picture to WADLEIGH to see if he were the same individual as HAROLD WILSON. I further advised Mr. Fletcher that we had interviewed HEDI MASSING relative to any information she might have on WADLEIGH but that she did not know him, based on the small amount of information we had.

HEDI MASSING, however, advised Agent McCarthy who interviewed her that in the winter of 1934 or 1935 she had made a number of trips to Washington to cultivate NOEL FIELD of the State Department in an attempt to get him to work for her; that after several contacts, FIELD indicated that someone else was trying to cultivate him also and that she told FIELD she wanted to meet this other person. About a week later, FIELD arranged a dinner party at which were present FIELD and his wife, HEDI MASSING and ALGER HISS. HISS and MASSING discussed who was going to develop FIELD and the net result was that they decided it did not matter as they were both working for the same boss. Thereafter, MASSING developed FIELD and he furnished her information. I pointed out that FIELD and his wife are now in Switzerland and did not plan to come back. I advised Mr. Fletcher we would furnish further details by teletype but that this was an independent verification of the activities of ALGER HISS entirely apart from CHAMBERS' statements.

At 3:00 pm, Mr. Fletcher called back to advise that we have the only photograph of CARPENTER and therefore we will have to show it to WADLEIGH when WADLEIGH comes up on subpoena before the Grand Jury on December 8th.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New York, New York
December 7, 1948

MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

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MR. GRANVILLE
MR. LUTHE
MR. LANCHESSAULT
MR. MOYNIHAN
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MR. C. J. J.
MR. J. J.
MR. CHANNON
MR. TUOHY
MR. WATSON
PROPERTY CLERK
TRAINING UNIT

At 5:10 pm today, I spoke to Mr. H. B. Fletcher at the Bureau relative to the Grand Jury hearings today. I advised him that Agent Callahan of Baltimore appeared and read HISS's statement. DONALD APPELL of the House Committee on Un-American Activities staff appeared and briefly testified concerning the trip to CHAMBERS' farm where the pumpkins were obtained. APPELL's statements indicated CHAMBERS had some hand in developing the film, and his testimony somewhat duplicated that of WHEELER. ALGER HISS also appeared and was questioned about his background, associates and dealings with CHAMBERS. Nothing startling was developed. CHAMBERS appeared before the Grand Jury and he testified regarding what was in his statements relative to his dealings with COLLINS and SILVERMAN.

I advised Mr. Fletcher that CHAMBERS brought in two new figures into this case - two brothers, GEORGE and WALD or WALT or WARD PIGMAN. CHAMBERS stated that they are two brothers in Washington and he recalls that both were employed by the Bureau of Standards around 1937. CHAMBERS further stated WALD PIGMAN gave information to CHAMBERS from the Bureau of Standards and that he tried to develop GEORGE but was not successful. I informed Mr. Fletcher that Agent Callahan advised that when he talked to CHAMBERS after the statement was taken in Baltimore, CHAMBERS mentioned that DAVID CARPENTER was originally acquainted with the PIGMANS and that CHAMBERS thought WALD PIGMAN was a member of the ELEANOR NELSON group in Washington. I pointed out to Mr. Fletcher that ELEANOR NELSON was the woman with whom CARPENTER was living.

I informed Mr. Fletcher that we would immediately conduct investigation to identify the PIGMANS and to ascertain their whereabouts. I further told Mr. Fletcher that Mr. Donegan called me and said he would like very much to locate the PIGMANS as he desired to serve subpoenas on them. Mr. Fletcher was advised that when we interviewed CHAMBERS tomorrow morning we would try to get complete details on the PIGMANS. I told Mr. Fletcher that I thought Washington Field should start immediately to try to locate these people because the House Committee on Un-American Activities is again holding public hearings.



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I advised Mr. Fletcher that I thought the information furnished by HEDI MASSING relative to ALGER HISS should be passed on to Mr. Donegan, inasmuch as HISS will be appearing before the Grand Jury tomorrow and Mr. Donegan might want to use it. Mr. Fletcher said it was all right to give this information to Mr. Donegan. I also advised Mr. Fletcher that we contemplated interviewing DAVID CARPENTER tomorrow.

Mr. Fletcher was further informed that we questioned CHAMBERS to get a better description of FELIX and information relative to FELIX' address. I told Mr. Fletcher that the Baltimore office thinks they have located FELIX and have identified him.

I later called Mr. Fletcher to advise him that Mrs. HISS is in the office with her attorney and is ready to sign her statement. I stated that her attorney would like to have a copy of the statement and inquired whether it would be permissible to furnish him one. Mr. Fletcher said this would be all right.

A. H. BELMONT
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New York, New York
December 8, 1948

MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
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MR. SCHEIDT
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MR. WHELAN
MR. COLLIER
MR. GRANVILLE
MR. LUTTREZ
MR. ARCHESBAULT
MR. FORTMAN
NIGHT SUPERVISOR
MR. CLEGG
MR. GANNON
MR. TUOHY
MR. WATSON
PROPERTY CLERK
TRAINING UNIT

Reference is made to the memorandum of SA A. J. McGrath dated December 7th, reflecting a call from SA James Kirkland of the Philadelphia office relative to HORACE SCHMAHL. I called the Philadelphia office on the evening of December 7th and spoke to the agent on duty, in the absence of Mr. Boardman and Agent Kirkland. I advised him that SCHMAHL was a private investigator employed by the attorney for ALGER HISS; that the attorney has professed cooperation in attempting to locate typewriting from the typewriter in the HISS home during the pertinent period. I advised that SCHMAHL has nothing whatsoever to do with the Bureau investigation; that he has been given no assurances by this office; that persons whom he is contacting should not be allowed to assume that SCHMAHL is working with this Bureau and, if SCHMAHL's activities interfere with our investigation in any way, proper steps should be taken to stop him. I suggested that Mr. MARTIN be called and that he be advised that SCHMAHL's requests are not official requests of the Government; that any request the Philadelphia agents make of MARTIN are official requests and that SCHMAHL should not be permitted to interfere with these requests.

I advised that no agent of the Philadelphia office should sit in on any interview with SCHMAHL. I made it clear that SCHMAHL should be handled as any other private investigator who might interfere with our investigations.

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New York, New York
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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
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MR. SCHEIDT
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MR. WHELAN
MR. COLLIER
MR. GRANVILLE
MR. KUHRTZ
MR. SARCHITTSBULT
MR. ROYALTY
NIGHT SUPERVISOR
MR. LADD
MR. Egan
MR. SHANNON
MR. TUOHY
MR. WATSON
PROPERTY CLERK
TRAINING UNIT

On the morning of 12/8/48, I advised Mr. H. B. Fletcher at the Bureau that I spoke to Mr. Donegan relative to the information furnished by HEDI MASSING concerning ALGER HISS and that Mr. Donegan would like to have MASSING appear before the Grand Jury. I told Mr. Fletcher that, unless the Bureau objects, we are going to have her come in here and serve the subpoena on her in the Court House so that her identity will not become known. I further informed Mr. Fletcher that she will probably appear before the GJ today and that Mr. Donegan considers her information relative to HISS very important.

Mr. Fletcher advised he would check with Mr. Ladd on this and let me know. Mr. Fletcher inquired whether this action would reveal her identity. I advised him that Mr. Donegan made out the subpoena personally and that we will try to handle it in such a way so as not to reveal her true identity.

I pointed out to Mr. Fletcher that the New York papers mention that the House Committee has identified two individuals in the State Dept. besides HISS who are connected with this investigation. I asked Mr. Fletcher whether the Bureau had any information as to the identity of these two individuals. Mr. Fletcher advised that they might possibly be WADLEIGH and NOEL FIELD. I mentioned that we had learned about FIELD through HEDI MASSING and wondered how the House Committee would learn about him. Mr. Fletcher stated that there are several State Dept. employees involved in this matter.

It was also pointed out to Mr. Fletcher that the New York office is being careful in interviewing CHAMBERS because of the fact that we think he is furnishing information to the House Committee. I told Mr. Fletcher that I thought we should take that attitude in view of the fact that he advised the House Committee of the pumpkin papers and we feel that he is liable to furnish them information for publicity purposes.



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I advised Mr. Fletcher that he might receive a call from the Philadelphia office this morning relative to the typewriting specimens which are being sought. I told Mr. Fletcher that McLEAN, attorney for ALGER HISS, has hired a private detective named HORACE SCHMAHL. Last night Philadelphia advised me that SCHMAHL had been in touch with them and had advised them he was working with the FBI in New York and was going to interview a fellow by the name of MARTIN connected with an insurance company in Philadelphia whom we have contacted for possible specimens. I informed Mr. Fletcher that the Philadelphia office wanted to know if an agent should set in with SCHMAHL when the latter interviews Mr. MARTIN and also inquired as to what our dealings with SCHMAHL were and whether he is cooperating with this office. I advised Philadelphia not to have anything to do with SCHMAHL; that he is an independent investigator hired by the defense attorney and has no connection with this office. I further advised that no agent should sit in during any interview between SCHMAHL and MARTIN and furthermore, that they should take steps to see that SCHMAHL does not interfere with the investigation being conducted by the FBI. I suggested that the Philadelphia office should inform Mr. MARTIN that the request of the FBI for typewriting specimens was an official request and that SCHMAHL has no connection with the investigation being conducted by us. If he interferes with our investigation, appropriate steps should be taken to stop him. Mr. Fletcher agreed that this was the proper procedure to be followed.

Relative to the PIGMAN brothers, I advised Mr. Fletcher that Mr. Donegan wants to serve subpoenas on them as soon as they can be located. Mr. Fletcher advised me that the Bureau thinks they have located the PIGMANS but are not sure. One, GEORGE L. PIGMAN, according to the Bureau's information, is presently employed by CAA in Indianapolis, Indiana. The other, WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN, is believed to be in Appleton, Wisconsin. Mr. Fletcher informed me that he is going to call the appropriate offices and furnish them with background information on these two individuals and have them located. Mr. Fletcher is going to advise these offices that the Bureau and the New York office want to know the addresses of the PIGMANS. He is also going to inform the offices that, after CHAMBERS has been interviewed, I will phone them and give them information necessary for interviews to be conducted of the PIGMANS. Mr. Fletcher stated that I would hear further on this during the morning, and requested that I advise him when I have issued the necessary information to the field offices so that the interviews can be conducted. I pointed out to Mr. Fletcher that we would like to have any information the Bureau uncovers relative to the PIGMANS, and he said this would be furnished to us. Mr. Donegan, advised Mr. Fletcher, will serve the subpoenas on the PIGMANS. I asked Mr. Fletcher whether both of the PIGMANS were employed by the Bureau of Standards and he advised that they were both employed by this agency at one time.

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Mr. Fletcher stated that as yet he does not have complete information on the PIGMANS but information furnished by the Washington Field indicates that that office is satisfied that they have been correctly identified. I advised Mr. Fletcher that we will need whatever information Washington Field is able to uncover regarding these individuals.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC



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United States Department of Justice

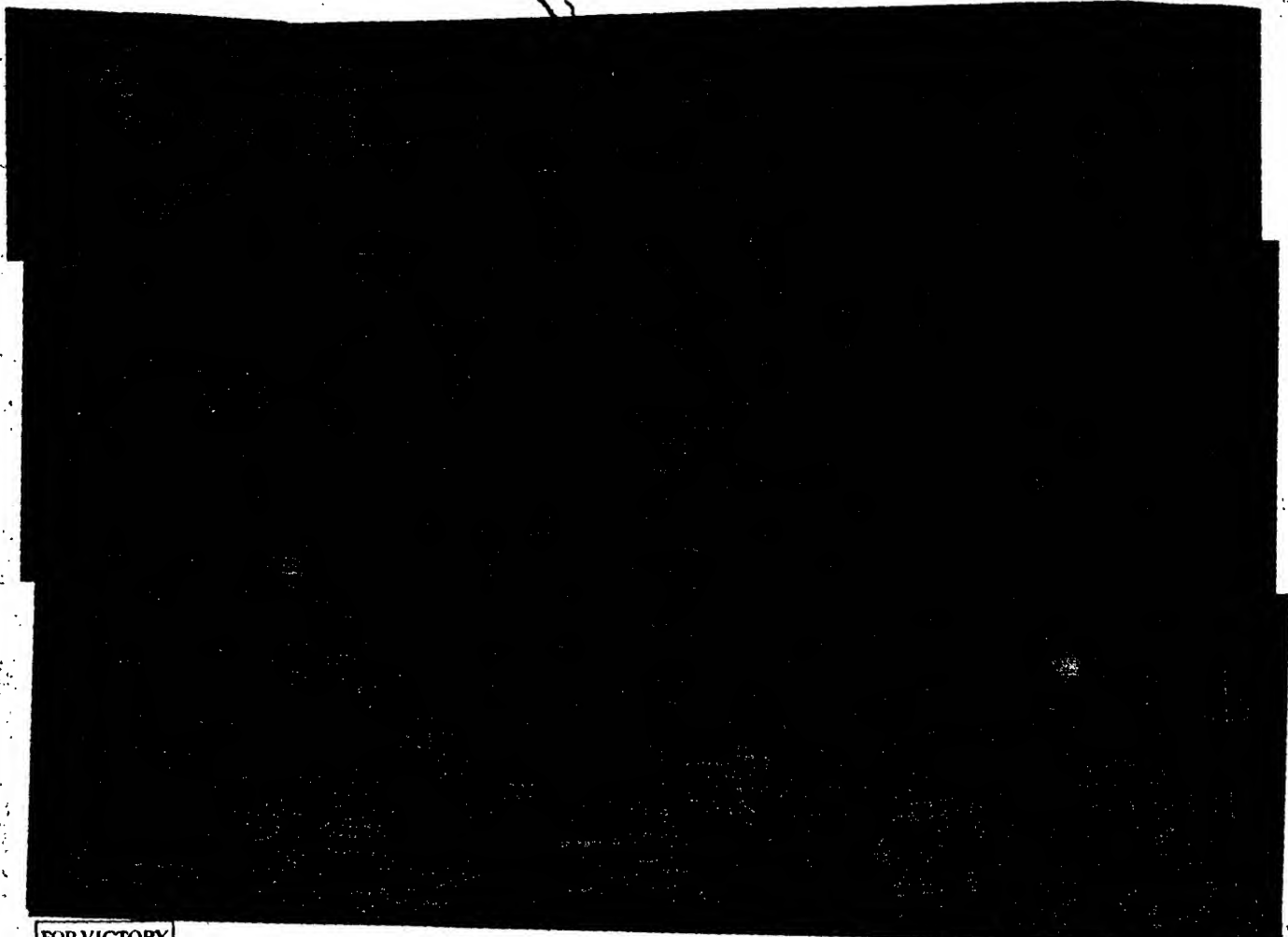
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MR. SCHEIDT
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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
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Mr. Leo Loughlin called at 11:50 am today and furnished the following background information re GEORGE LEROY PIGMAN and WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN:



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George L. Pigman
Ward Pigman*

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WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN now reportedly resides at 702 East North Street, Appleton, Wisconsin. Bureau is not trying to verify this. Mr. Fletcher, when he called later, stated this had been verified.

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I advised Mr. Loughlin that we had called Indianapolis and has verified that GEORGE PIGMAN is going to be at the airport where he is employed until 5:30 pm today. I further advised Mr. Loughlin that we would call Indianapolis and furnish them with the above background information and also results of Grand Jury hearings today.

Mr. Fletcher called at 12:10 pm and I advised him also that I would call Indianapolis and Milwaukee and furnish them with background information on both PIGMANS and also information necessary for those offices to interview these individuals.

Mr. Fletcher advised that WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN's address had been verified as 702 East North Street, Appleton, Wis., and it had been ascertained that he was employed by the Institute of Paper Chemistry, as a chemist. Mr. Fletcher also advised that the Institute of Paper Chemistry is outstanding in the field of paper research and is used by the Bureau extensively in investigations and has been very cooperative.

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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

While discussing this case with Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau today, I advised him that we are going over everything we have in order to develop additional leads. I informed Mr. Fletcher that we have Volume IV of the pre-trial deposition of CHAMBERS on the HISS and CHAMBERS libel action, but we do not have the three preceding volumes, Nos. I, II and III. Mr. Fletcher stated that Volume IV was the only one the Bureau had and that the Department had made arrangements to get this.

I pointed out to Mr. Fletcher that there may be leads which could be developed and that undoubtedly the House Committee is operating from information contained in these volumes. Unless we have these volumes and get a chance to see if there are any possible leads, the House Committee may get ahead of us. I informed Mr. Fletcher that Mr. Donegan has requested Volumes I, II and III, but it may take some time before he gets them. I told Mr. Fletcher that I thought someone ought to obtain these volumes and look over them for possible leads. Mr. Fletcher said he would check and see if they could be obtained.

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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
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At 12:40 pm today, I called SAC Johnson of the Milwaukee office and furnished him the background information on WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN as set forth in my memorandum of 12/8/48 as furnished by Mr. Loughlin of the Bureau. I also advised Mr. Johnson that the brother of WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN, namely GEORGE LEROY PIGMAN, also worked at the Bureau of Standards during the pertinent period and is presently residing at 602 West Maple Road, Indianapolis, Indiana and that the Indianapolis office is interviewing him today.

I then advised Mr. Johnson that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, who is under subpoena before the Grand Jury here in New York City, has advised agents of the New York office that he met WARD PIGMAN first through DAVID CARPENTER in about 1936 in Washington and met GEORGE later, probably through CARPENTER or possibly through WARD PIGMAN; that it is his recollection that both were employed by the Bureau of Standards at that time. CHAMBERS advised that he was given to understand that both GEORGE and WARD had prior connection with the underground apparatus operated by ELEANOR NELSON in Washington, D. C., with whom DAVID CARPENTER was then living. CHAMBERS could not remember the source of his information in this respect.

CHAMBERS advised that after he met WARD PIGMAN, WARD started to furnish him information immediately in the nature of documentary material from the Bureau of Standards; that this was furnished to CHAMBERS at more or less weekly meetings in public places in Washington. CHAMBERS recalls that WARD brought the material in a brief case and that it was then given to CARPENTER for photographing, after which it was returned to WARD PIGMAN for return to the Bureau of Standards. It was CHAMBERS' recollection that CARPENTER was also meeting WARD separately and was getting information from him. The documents consisted of material dealing with a variety of technical subjects. CHAMBERS stated that Colonel BYKOV, the Russian representative who received the material eventually, complained regarding the type of material WARD was turning in, stating that he did not believe WARD's full potential was being realized. CHAMBERS was of the opinion that Colonel BYKOV had not met either of the PIGMANs. The meetings between CHAMBERS and WARD continued on a weekly basis until CHAMBERS broke

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with the Party in April, 1938 and he has never seen either of the PIGMAN brothers since that time. CHAMBERS advised that during the period he was meeting WARD PIGMAN, he also saw GEORGE PIGMAN fortnightly or monthly and attempted to develop him but he was never successful in activating GEORGE PIGMAN.

Mr. Johnson was advised that Assistant to the AG Tom Donegan is contemplating sending a subpoena by telegraph to be served on WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN today; that this will probably be telegraphed to the Marshal and, in the event the Milwaukee office can assist the Marshal in locating PIGMAN, it would be appreciated as there are indications that the HCUA is trying to locate PIGMAN also. I advised the Marshal will serve the subpoena but the Milwaukee office may be able to help. I pointed out to Mr. Johnson that, on the basis of information furnished by CHAMBERS, it would appear that PIGMAN had furnished information from the Bureau of Standards to the Soviets. Consequently, if they could get him to talk, they would really be accomplishing something. I suggested they take a statement from him one way or the other and advised it was imperative that he be interviewed today.

At 1:15 pm, I spoke to Mr. Morton of the Indianapolis office, in the absence of SAC Foster, and furnished him the background information on GEORGE LEROY PIGMAN as set forth in my memorandum of 12/8/48 as furnished by Mr. Loughlin of the Bureau. I further advised him of the information furnished by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS concerning the PIGMANS as set out above. Mr. Morton was advised that WARD is living in Appleton, Wisconsin and that the Milwaukee office is going to interview WARD TODAY.

I instructed that GEORGE PIGMAN should be immediately interviewed and if the Indianapolis office obtains any information from GEORGE pertinent to the interview with WARD, they should get in touch with the Milwaukee office at once telephonically. I also advised that Mr. Donegan is contemplating sending a subpoena by telegraph to be served on GEORGE PIGMAN and that the Indianapolis office should assist the Marshal in every way possible in serving this subpoena. I suggested to Mr. Morton that a statement be taken from GEORGE PIGMAN one way or another and I impressed upon him the importance of the matter, pointing out the need that the interview be conducted today and that the matter be handled with the care that a case of this importance necessitated.

A. H. BELMONT
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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

At 3:55 pm today, I advised Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau that at 12:40 pm I called the Milwaukee office and furnished them with the background information relative to WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN and told them to go ahead with the interview of this individual, and at about 1:15 pm, I called the Indianapolis office and furnished them with the background information on GEORGE LEROY PIGMAN and advised them to interview him.

I informed Mr. Fletcher that WADLEIGH is in New York and will not talk to us on the advice of his attorney. We exhibited CARPENTER's photograph to him in an effort to have him identify CARPENTER as HAROLD WILSON. His reaction was such that we are pretty sure CARPENTER is identical with WILSON; however WADLEIGH would not say yes or no. I further advised Mr. Fletcher that WADLEIGH mentioned that he wished his attorney would let him talk to the agents.

Relative to DAVID CARPENTER, I advised Mr. Fletcher that he was picked up and served with the subpoena. He said he wanted to talk to an attorney so we did not bring him to the Court House. CARPENTER was brought to New York City and he dropped off and went to the "Daily Worker".

CARPENTER came into this building about 1:30 pm today with someone who might possibly be his lawyer. I pointed out that CARPENTER becomes more implicated in this matter and that the only thing he admitted was that he knew a couple of the people involved.

Mr. Fletcher was advised that we exhibited a photograph of SAMUEL J. PELOVITZ to CHAMBERS today. PELOVITZ is the individual Baltimore believes to be identical with FELIX. CHAMBERS is not positive that PELOVITZ and FELIX are the same person but he would not eliminate the possibility. I advised Mr. Fletcher that I thought PELOVITZ should be interviewed by Baltimore at this point, and further mentioned to Mr. Fletcher that Mr. Donegan contemplates subpoenaing him. Mr. Fletcher advised that if Mr. Donegan is going to serve PELOVITZ with a subpoena then it is all right for Baltimore to interview him. I told Mr. Fletcher that if Baltimore

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interviews PELOVITZ he is liable to go under cover, pointing out to Mr. Fletcher that according to the Baltimore office that he is a Communist and does not appear to be a very reliable individual. I suggested that the Baltimore agents serve the subpoena on PELOVITZ when they finish interviewing him. Mr. Fletcher stated he would discuss this with Mr. Ladd. I further advised Mr. Fletcher that Baltimore would not be instructed to conduct the interview until I had ascertained from Mr. Donegan that he is going to serve a subpoena on PELOVITZ.

Mr. Fletcher was advised that CHAMBERS, in testifying before the GJ today, advised the GJ that an individual by the name of VINCENT RENO, who had been employed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, had furnished information to CHAMBERS concerning a bomb sight, possibly the Norden Bomb Sight, and that CHAMBERS had passed this information on to Colonel BYKOV. Mr. Donegan furnished this information and requested that RENO be interviewed. Mr. Donegan also stated that he intends to subpoena RENO. I informed Mr. Fletcher that we checked our files and found a mention of VINCENT RENO in letter dated 1/29/45 from the Director to New York, entitled "WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., IS - R", Bureau file 100-25824. Attached to the letter is a copy of the original notes taken by ADOLF BERLE when he interviewed CHAMBERS in September, 1939. On page 2 of the notes at the top of the page is listed VINCENT RENO, now at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, computer, math assistant to Colonel ZORNIG (aerial bomb sight detectors), and it says that RENO was formerly CP organizer under alias LANCE CLARK.

I informed Mr. Fletcher that we asked CHAMBERS about the above after he finished testifying before the GJ. CHAMBERS advised that VINCENT RENO was employed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds as a civilian employee; that he met him late in 1937 and was introduced to him by J. PETERS in Philadelphia. He said RENO knew CARPENTER. CHAMBERS suspected RENO was in the ELEANOR NELSON apparatus. RENO had a brother, PHILLIP, also in the NELSON apparatus. CHAMBERS said he interviewed RENO for the purpose of getting him to join up and furnish information, and also stated that RENO had just been employed at Aberdeen at that time, as a higher mathematician. CHAMBERS said he met RENO 4 or 5 times in Wash., D. C. or Baltimore and that at the first meeting they just discussed the work. At that time, RENO told him that he had been an open CP organizer under the name of LANCE CLARK in Montana. He said that on two occasions RENO gave him information on work he was doing on the bomb sight, CHAMBERS mentioning that it might have been the Norden bomb sight but not being too sure of it. RENO was working under Colonel ZORNIG at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. CHAMBERS advised further that he furnished the material obtained from RENO to FELIX for photographing. According to CHAMBERS, RENO had the following description in 1937: about 27 or 28 years old; 5'8"; slender build; sandy hair and eye-lashes; blue eyes, young looking.

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CHAMBERS also stated that he met VINCENT RENO's brother, PHILIP RENO; that he had seen him in order to make the meeting with VINCENT. CHAMBERS stated that he met PHILIP in an apartment on New Hampshire Avenue in Washington, D. C. Referring to the notes of ADOLF BERLE mentioned above, I advised Mr. Fletcher that there is also a reference to PHILIP RENO, indicating that he may be in Social Security and was head of an underground trade union group and a political leader.

Mr. Fletcher was further advised that we found one other reference to VINCENT RENO. In Baltimore letter dated August 1, 1947 re CP, USA - BRIEF, IS - C., a report of Baltimore Conf. Inf. 137 mentions LANCE CLARK whose real name was RENO. I pointed out that the informant would therefore know RENO and that the Baltimore office undoubtedly has a file on him.

I advised Mr. Fletcher that I thought we ought to call the Baltimore office and furnish them with the above information so that they can review their files and locate VINCENT and PHILIP RENO. As soon as these men are located, we will tell Mr. Donegan and if he wants to issue subpoenas on them, we will advise Baltimore to interview them. I mentioned to Mr. Fletcher that the Bureau files will probably have to be reviewed on the RENOs and the information passed to Mr. Donegan to see what action he desires to take relative thereto.

I inquired of Mr. Fletcher whether our guide to interviewing these people is whether Mr. Donegan is going to subpoena them, and Mr. Fletcher stated this was correct.

Continuing, I mentioned to Mr. Fletcher that when Agents Jones and Callahan interviewed CHAMBERS in Baltimore, CHAMBERS said there was a third photographer named KEITH, the other two being FELIX and DAVID CARPENTER. KEITH does not appear in the statement furnished by CHAMBERS but according to the latter, KEITH had once been the connecting link between Colonel BYKOV and a metallurgist from California. KEITH came to Washington in 1937 and did some photographic work for the apparatus and for CHAMBERS in an unidentified apartment in northwest Washington. I informed Mr. Fletcher that we have been trying to identify KEITH, this name being a pseudonym, and that CHAMBERS did mention that he had, on some previous occasion, given the Bureau the name of that metallurgist. We have reviewed our files and in our letter to the Bureau dated June 26, 1945, entitled WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, IS - R, on page 7, there is a paragraph on AZIMOV (ph). I then read the pertinent information to Mr. Fletcher. I pointed out to him that if something was done in this matter, it might give us a lead on KEITH.



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ASAC ROBERT LALLY, Baltimore office telephonically contacted the writer and inquired if any action was expected to be taken by his office on night of 12/8/48 concerning SAMUEL PELOVITZ.

Upon instruction of ASAC BELMONT, LALLY was told that PELOVITZ was to be interviewed tomorrow, and that a subpoena will be issued tomorrow for PELOVITZ which will be served on him at time of interview. LALLY was told that ASAC BELMONT will contact Baltimore office tomorrow when subpoena has been issued and that no action should be taken by his office in this matter until ASAC BELMONT calls his office.

Albert J. McGrath
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9am. Mr. Lally was
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MEMORANDUM:

Re: WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

This is to advise that an unidentified woman telephonically contacted this office this date to advise she knew the whereabouts of Colonel Bykov. The caller assumed that this office knew his whereabouts, but was merely reporting the following facts:

She stated that approximately one year ago she had occasion to contact an export company on Duane Street in an effort to sell some fabrics for foreign export. As a result of this inquiry she was introduced to a Colonel Bykov. Bykov in turn introduced her to a Mr. Losamanoff of the Turkey Embassy in Washington, D. C. Bykov was interested in selling to Losamanoff the fabrics owned by the caller. She stated that she learned that Bykov at that time resided at 36 East 65th Street and was living with a free lance designer for Harper's Magazine named WINIFRED MURY. During the two contacts she had with Bykov she learned that he was a close friend of SUMNER WELLES' sister, and stated that he made frequent trips to Washington and was entertained in SUMNER WELLES' home. She also stated that Bykov could speak Russian and French, and stated he had numerous contacts in Yugoslavia and Turkey. She described Bykov as follows:

Age	48
Height	5' 10"
Weight	165 to 175 lbs.
Build	Medium
	Thin mustache
Hair	Greyish black

The writer requested the caller to identify herself and assured her her name would be kept strictly confidential, and asked that she meet an agent of this office to further discuss this matter. She refused to identify herself, and she was thanked for her cooperation in supplying this office with this information.

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MEMO

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

At 6:30 p.m., December 8th, I received a call from SAC Johnson of the Milwaukee Office advising that WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN had been interviewed by Agents of the Milwaukee Office, but that he had given no information of value. He had advised that he did not know any of the individuals concerned with this matter, except ELEANOR NELSON, whom he recalls having met at some sort of a union meeting in Washington. Milwaukee is sending a teletype tonight on this with further details.

I advised Mr. Johnson that Assistant to the Attorney General Donegan had advised me that a subpoena would be issued tomorrow for WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN and that the Marshal would probably contact the Milwaukee Office to learn his whereabouts. I requested that the Milwaukee Office give the Marshal assistance in locating him.

At 6:40 p.m. I called Mr. H. B. Fletcher at the Bureau to advise him that Milwaukee and Indianapolis Offices had informed me that they had interviewed WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN and GEORGE L. PIGMAN, respectively, and that neither one had given any information of value; further, that subpoenas were being issued for them tomorrow and I had requested those offices to assist the Marshals in any way possible.

I also asked Mr. Fletcher whether Baltimore had advised the Bureau that VINCENT RENO and his brother PHILIP were supposed to be in Denver. He said that Baltimore had so advised the Bureau, but the Denver Office has not yet been advised to locate the RENOs and interview them. He advised that, according to Baltimore, there is a loyalty case just recently worked on.



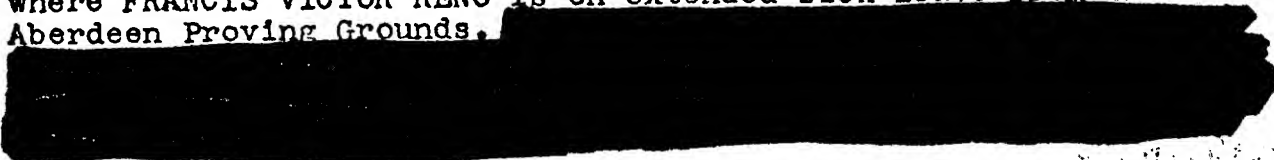
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FRANCIS VICTOR RENO, alias VINCE RENO, alias LANCE CLARK. This investigation reflected that RENO and his brother PHILIP are both residing at the present time at 442 South Bannock Street, Denver, where FRANCIS VICTOR RENO is on extended sick leave from the Aberdeen Proving Grounds.



I advised Mr. Fletcher I would immediately call the Denver Office and have that office locate the two RENO brothers and give them the background of this matter in order that they could interview them as soon as Mr. Donegan prepared subpoenas for them. I suggested to Mr. Fletcher that the Agents be allowed to serve these subpoenas at the conclusion of the interview in view of the temporary residence of these individuals in Denver and the need for quick action. Mr. Fletcher advised this would be satisfactory.

At 7 p.m. I called SAC Kramer of the Denver Office. I advised him of the background of this case. I advised him that two of the persons desired to be called before the Grand Jury are FRANCIS VICTOR RENO, alias VINCE RENO, alias LANCE CLARK, the subject of a recent loyalty case in the Denver Office, who is on extended sick leave from the Aberdeen Proving Ground, and his brother PHILIP, both of whom reportedly reside at 442 South Bannock Street, Denver. I advised that Mr. Donegan plans to issue subpoenas for these two individuals for appearance before the Grand Jury at New York City tomorrow; that he will call the USA in Denver and have the USA prepare the subpoenas. I advised that I had talked to Mr. Fletcher and had secured authority for Agents of the Denver Office to serve the subpoenas after they had interviewed these two individuals.

I advised that prior to issuing the subpoenas, it was desired to verify their presence in Denver. I requested that the presence of these two men be verified and that a teletype be sent to us tonight in order that we could proceed with the subpoenas and interviews.

I furnished Mr. Kramer in full with the statements made by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS concerning VINCENT RENO and his brother PHILIP, as set forth in my memorandum of December 8th, in order that the Denver Agents would have a sufficient basis for the

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interview. Mr. Kramer advised that PHILIP RENO had been a prominent Communist functionary in Denver but was recently expelled due to an argument with the District Organizer, and because of this possibly he might be susceptible to approach. I advised Mr. Kramer that following receipt of his teletype tonight, we would arrange for the subpoenas to be issued and would then notify Denver to go ahead with the interviews and service of the subpoenas.

A. H. BELMONT, ASAC



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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

Attached hereto are photostatic copies of prints of the film turned over by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS to the House Committee on Un-American Activities from the pumpkin on his farm in Maryland, reportedly in response to the service of a subpoena upon him by the Committee. Mr. WHEELER of the HCUA furnished these prints on his appearance before the Grand Jury on December 6, 1948 and photostatic copies were made by this office through the courtesy of the attorneys handling the GJ. A set of the photostatic copies was transmitted to the Bureau by courier Agent Bagwell who took a train to Washington Monday night, December 6th, and delivered the documents to Mr. Fletcher of the Bureau on the morning of December 7th. It is understood from the attorneys handling the GJ that there is additional film which has not been developed by the HCUA and that that additional film will be made available if it is successfully developed.

The fact that these prints were furnished to this office must be kept confidential.

The prints should be perused for any information which will assist in the investigation of this case.

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At 5:20 pm on 12/8/48, SAC Foster of the Indianapolis office called to advise that agents of that office had interviewed GEORGE PIGMAN and that PIGMAN stated that he does not know CHAMBERS; that he never met him, and that the only thing he knows about CHAMBERS is what he reads in the papers. PIGMAN claimed not to know COLONEL BYKOV or DAVID CARPENTER but stated he heard name NELSON somewhere but was not sure of it.

I then spoke to Agent John Little, one of the agents who interviewed PIGMAN, and he advised me that PIGMAN stated he did not know CHAMBERS, CARPENTER, COLONEL BYKOV or ELEANOR NELSON, although he remembers seeing NELSON's name in the Washington papers because of her connection with some Government labor union. PIGMAN has been reading about this matter in the papers and has seen photographs of CHAMBERS in the papers. PIGMAN advised that he never furnished information to anyone and was never approached by anyone to supply information or documents from the Bureau of Standards. PIGMAN stated he is close to his brother, WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN, that they exchange confidences, and that these names never came up in any conversation and that there was no indication that WARD was furnishing information. PIGMAN also stated that he never belonged to any organization, the Communist Party or any front organizations, etc. He said he never attended any meetings but did attend a WALLACE rally. PIGMAN further stated he never subscribed to any magazines.

I requested Mr. Little to sent a teletype covering the above interview to the Bureau and New York. Mr. Little advised that SAC Foster had advised the Bureau telephonically of the above facts and that a report was now being dictated on the results of the interview.

I pointed out to Mr. Little that very probably GEORGE PIGMAN will be subpoenaed; that the subpoena will be sent to the Marshal and that, in the event the Marshal contacts the Indianapolis office for assistance in locating PIGMAN, the agents should assist the Marshal in serving the subpoena.

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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

At 4:20 pm on 12/8/48, I advised ASAC Lally of the Baltimore office that we exhibited the photograph of SAMUEL J. PELOVITZ to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS today and that CHAMBERS was quite sure PELOVITZ was FELIX but was not positive. I informed Mr. Lally that I talked to Mr. Fletcher of the Bureau relative to Baltimore interviewing PELOVITZ on this basis, pointing out that the Baltimore office had located the house and that PELOVITZ listed DAVID CARPENTER as a reference in his Selective Service file. Mr. Fletcher advised that PELOVITZ should be interviewed if Mr. Donegan contemplates interviewing him. Mr. Lally was informed that I told Mr. Fletcher that we will talk to Mr. Donegan to ascertain whether or not he will subpoena PELOVITZ, and that we feel that the agents should serve the subpoena on PELOVITZ at the time the interview is completed. Otherwise, PELOVITZ might go into hiding and the Marshal would not be able to locate him. Mr. Fletcher said he would discuss this with Mr. Ladd and let us know.

I further advised Mr. Lally that we spoke to DAVID CARPENTER today; that he did not say much but admitted knowing PELOVITZ and WADLEIGH. He would not furnish any information to us but wanted an attorney, and he appeared before the Grand Jury.

Mr. Lally was advised that I would let him know as soon as Mr. Donegan indicates that he is going to serve a subpoena on PELOVITZ and Baltimore can then arrange the interview and serve the subpoena on him after the interview. Mr. Lally inquired whether the subpoena will be made up in Baltimore or whether it will come from New York. I advised him that it will be called down to Baltimore and will be made up there.

I advised Mr. Lally that when WHITTAKER CHAMBERS appeared before the Grand Jury on 12/8/48, he stated that a man by the name of VINCENT RENO, who worked for the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, had on two occasions given him information regarding a bomb sight, possibly the Norden Bomb Sight, which CHAMBERS had in turn turned over to Colonel BYKOV. We interviewed CHAMBERS after he came out of the Grand Jury regarding this and he informed us that VINCENT RENO was employed by the Aberdeen Proving Grounds as a civilian employee; that he met him late in 1937 and was introduced to him by J. PETERS in Philadelphia. CHAMBERS said RENO knew DAVID CARPENTER and suspected RENO was in the ELEANOR NELSON apparatus in Washington, D. C. Mr. Lally advised that NELSON now lives in Baltimore. CHAMBERS further advised that RENO had a brother PHILIP who was also in the N. Y. C. AHB:CTC

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in the NELSON apparatus. CHAMBERS said the purpose of his interview with VINCENT RENO was to get him to join up and furnish information. At that time, RENO had been employed at Aberdeen as a higher mathematician. CHAMBERS met VINCENT RENO about 4 or 5 times in Washington or Baltimore the first meeting just being a discussion of his work. RENO told CHAMBERS at that time that he had been an open CP organizer in Montana under the name of LANCE CLARK. CHAMBERS stated that on two occasions RENO gave him information on work he was doing on the bomb sight, possibly the Norden Bomb sight, which material CHAMBERS passed on to Colonel BYKOV. RENO worked under a Colonel ZORNIG at Aberdeen. Mr. Lally inquired whether the material RENO gave to CHAMBERS documents. I advised him that they probably were inasmuch as FELIX did the photographic work.

Mr. Lally was further advised that CHAMBERS furnished the following description of VINCENT RENO as of 1937: 27 or 28 years of age; 5'8"; slender; young looking; sandy hair and eye lashes; blue eyes. I further mentioned that CHAMBERS also met PHILIP RENO, brother of VINCENT, in order to make arrangements to meet VINCENT. CHAMBERS said he met PHILIP in an apartment on New Hampshire Avenue in Washington and that PHILIP was also in the NELSON apparatus.

Mr. Lally advised me that both VINCENT and PHILIP RENO are believed to be out in Colorado at the present time; that a check was made about three weeks ago by the Denver office and their whereabouts out there was ascertained. I informed Mr. Lally that I furnished the above information to Mr. Fletcher at the Bureau with the suggestion that both of the RENOs be located at once and that we furnish their present address to Mr. Donegan who may want to subpoena them. If Mr. Donegan says he wants to subpoena them, then we will interview them. I also requested Mr. Lally to call Mr. Fletcher to advise him of the RENOS' address inasmuch as the Bureau was checking on this now. Mr. Lally stated that VINCENT RENO has been on extended sick leave from Aberdeen Proving Grounds for a year or so.

I requested Mr. Lally to let me know as soon as Baltimore determines whether or not the RENOs are in Colorado so that, in the event Mr. Donegan wants to subpoena them, I can call Denver and issue the necessary instructions and background information. Mr. Lally inquired whether we knew how CHAMBERS met PELOVITZ and I advised him we did not have this information; that we knew that CHAMBERS visited FELIX' apartment in Baltimore on one or two occasions but never lived with him. I pointed out, however, that DAVID CARPENTER knows PELOVITZ.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, N. Y.



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December 9, 1948

MEMORANDUM:

Re: WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

At 2:25 p.m., while speaking to Assistant to the Attorney General Donegan, he advised me that when ROBERT STRIPLING of the HCUA appeared before the Grand Jury this morning a question came up as to whether STRIPLING had notified the Department of Justice or the FBI concerning the information the HCUA had received about the existence of the film secreted by CHAMBERS in the pumpkin on his farm. STRIPLING replied that on the day the HCUA issued the subpoena for CHAMBERS to produce the film he, STRIPLING, had called Assistant Director Nichols at the Bureau and had left word, in Mr. Nichols' absence, for Mr. Nichols to call him; that it was important. He advised that as Mr. Nichols did not call he again called Mr. Nichols' office the following day, Friday, and was advised that Mr. Nichols was not in but that he was at home. STRIPLING advised that he again left word for Mr. Nichols to call him.

Mr. Donegan advised that he questioned STRIPLING as to whether, in Mr. Nichols' absence, STRIPLING had attempted to give the information to Mr. Ladd, in charge of all investigations for the FBI. Mr. STRIPLING advised that he knew Mr. Ladd, but not well; that he knew Mr. Nichols well and wanted to give the information to Mr. Nichols. Mr. Donegan asked whether STRIPLING had attempted to give this information to anyone else in the FBI, and STRIPLING advised that he wanted to give it to Mr. Nichols. Mr. Donegan then asked whether STRIPLING had attempted to give this to anyone in the Department, such as Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. STRIPLING replied that he did not want to go into his reasons for not wanting to give this information to the Department.

I furnished this information immediately to Mr. Nichols with the comment that it was apparent that if STRIPLING had been at all sincere about wanting to give this to the Bureau he would immediately have given it to Mr. Ladd or some other official of the Bureau in the absence of Mr. Nichols.

A. H. BELMONT,
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RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

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At 9:10 am today, ASAC Lally of the Baltimore office called to advise that there is publicity in the Baltimore papers this morning regarding PELOVITZ and that there is a possibility that the House Committee on Un-American Activities may get to interview PELOVITZ before the Bureau. I advised Mr. Lally that I had just spoken to Mr. Donegan this morning and that he is going to call the subpoena on PELOVITZ down to the USA in Baltimore immediately. I suggested to Mr. Lally that, inasmuch as Mr. Fletcher had approved serving the subpoena on PELOVITZ at the time of the interview, the Baltimore office go out and interview PELOVITZ and that the subpoena should be issued by the time the interview is completed and can then be served on PELOVITZ at that time. I further advised Mr. Lally that the subpoena will be called from the Department in Washington to the USA in Baltimore.

Mr. Lally informed me that the publicity in the Baltimore papers consisted of a map of Konig Street in Baltimore with an arrow pointing to the house where PELOVITZ lives. Accompanying this there is a story to the effect that House Committee investigators are looking for two photographers in Baltimore.

I inquired of Mr. Lally whether the Baltimore office considered the possibility of trying to interview ELEANOR NELSON, pointing out that she is supposed to have lived with DAVID CARPENTER and that CARPENTER appeared before the GJ yesterday. Mr. Lally stated that she is active right now, that she lives in Baltimore and that she probably would not furnish any information. I advised Mr. Lally I would check with Mr. Donegan to see whether or not he wants her interviewed.

Mr. Lally further advised that the Baltimore office is trying to get photographs of the RENOs in the event we want to show them to CHAMBERS. I advised Mr. Lally that I called the Denver office last night and issued the necessary background information and instructions relative to the RENOs. I stated that PHILIP is supposed to be in Albuquerque and Mr. Lally advised there is a rumor that VINCENT is coming back to Aberdeen Proving Grounds to work and might possibly be enroute there now.

A. H. BELMONT
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NINE INSTANT, MR. FLETCHER OF BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS
OFFICE THIS EVENING AND ADVISED THAT BUREAU AUTHORITY WAS HEREBY
GRANTED FOR AGENTS TO SERVE SUBPOENA ON ELEANOR NELSON.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

At 3:50 pm today, ASAC Lally of the Baltimore office called to advise that agents of that office had interviewed SAMUEL J. PELOVITZ today. PELOVITZ admits knowing CARPENTER under the latter's true name of ZIMMERMAN. I inquired if PELOVITZ had not listed CARPENTER in his Selective Service file and Mr. Lally advised that he had listed him under the name of ZIMMERMAN. Mr. Lally further indicated that there are several things which tend to indicate that PELOVITZ may not be identical with FELIX. PELOVITZ stated that he did not come to live at the Brookfield Avenue address until late in 1938, and CHAMBERS claimed FELIX lived there in 1937. In view of this, Mr. Lally advised that the Baltimore office had not as yet served the subpoena on PELOVITZ and thought he would have us check with Mr. Donegan to make sure the subpoena should be served. He also suggested that perhaps the Baltimore office should get a photograph of PELOVITZ which we could exhibit to CHAMBERS for identification.

I pointed out to Mr. Lally that CHAMBERS was quite ^{sure but not positive} positive when he identified the photograph of PELOVITZ as being the same individual known to him as FELIX. I further stated that in view of the fact that all of the individuals interviewed so far have been lying, that I thought the Baltimore office should serve the subpoena so that PELOVITZ can be brought before the Grand Jury for questioning. Mr. Lally also stated that PELOVITZ admitted knowing that ZIMMERMAN was a Communist.

I asked Mr. Lally if he were sure that CHAMBERS said FELIX resided at the Brookfield Avenue address in 1937. Mr. Lally advised that CHAMBERS himself was not too clear in regard to this. I pointed out that CHAMBERS may know that FELIX resided at the address in question later than 1937.

Mr. Lally stated that they would serve the subpoena on PELOVITZ. I advised him that I would advise Mr. Donegan of the above information. I also informed Mr. Lally that PHILIP RENO was located in Albuquerque and that a check is being made at the present time to make sure he is at the address. I pointed out that we had received no further information regarding

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VINCENT RENO. Mr. Lally stated that the Baltimore office had ascertained through the Aberdeen Proving Grounds that VINCENT RENO is supposed to be in Englewood, Colorado, and that Baltimore is directing a teletype to the Bureau, Denver and New York setting out this information and requesting Denver to verify it.

I informed Mr. Lally that I instructed the agents to discuss with Mr. Donegan whether or not he wants to subpoena ELEANOR NELSON. I also told Mr. Lally that I would inform Mr. Donegan that the subpoena is going to be served on PELOVITZ and requested him to send a teletype advising when PELOVITZ will appear. *done*

Mr. Lally advised he would send a teletype setting out the information obtained as a result of the interview with PELOVITZ and would advise when PELOVITZ would come to New York.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC



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MEMO

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Mr. FLETCHER of the Bureau called the writer at 7:30 p.m. this evening and instructed him to advise Mr. BELMONT that it was all right for the Bureau Agents to serve the subpoena on ELEANOR NELSON. He further advised that WADLEIGH had admitted to the Department today that he had observed CARPENTER and believed he is identical with HAROLD WILSON and that he would like to observe CARPENTER some more, although he is sure he is HAROLD WILSON.

The foregoing was related to ASAC A. H. BELMONT in accordance with Mr. FLETCHER'S instructions.

ALBERT J. McGRATH, SA

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ATTN. ASAC BELMONT. JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, INTERNAL SECURITY-R. ESPIONAGE-R. REMYTEL LAST NITE. FRANCIS RENO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ALBUQUERQUE N. MEX. NOW RESIDING WITH MOTHER AT FOUR FOUR TWO EIGHT SOUTH BANNOCK ST., ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO. NO FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN HERE UNTIL ADVISED TO CONTRARY.

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SACS, DENVER AND NEW YORK CITY.....U R G E N T

JAY DAVID WHITAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, IS-C, ESP-R.

ATTN. BELMONT. RESIDENCE OF PHIL RENO VERIFIED AT ROUTE FIVE

BOX THREE SEVEN EIGHT A. RENO HAS NOT SEEXX BEEN SEEN NEAR

HOME SINCE PAST WEEK END. INVESTIGATION INDICEXX INDICATES

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CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF RENO AND A COMMUNIST. INDICATIONS ARE THAT

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 NM, REFLECT PHIL RENO AND WIFE JOAN RENO RESIDE ROUTE FIVE BOX THREE
 SEVEN EIGHT ALBUQUERQUE. EFFORSXX EFFORTS BEING MADE TO VERIFY RENO
 PRESENCE IN ALBUQUERQUE. NO INDICATION THAT FRANCIS VICTOR RENO IN
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ATTN. ASAC BELMONT.

JAY WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, IS - R, ESP. - R. PHIL RENO

LOCATED ALBUQUERQUE NEW MEXICO TONIGHT. RENO WILL BE INTERVIEWED
AND SUBPOENA WILL BE SERVED TOMORROW.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ISSXXX IS, R, ESPIONAGE, R.
 FOR YOUR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION PHILLIP RENO TESTIFIED BEFORE
 FEDERAL GRAND JURY, DENVER, OCTOBER FORTY EIGHT.

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MEMORANDUM:

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY, I.S. -R, ESP. -R.

Reference is made to Milwaukee teletype dated 12-9-48, time 11:55 PM, received 12:55 E.S.T..

Bureau Supervisor J. EARL MILNES telephonically contacted the writer at 12:30 AM 12-10-48 and advised that he had discussed the matter concerning the two subpoenas received by WM. WARD PIGMAN set out in reference teletype with Mr. FLETCHER and Mr. FLETCHER advised that no action should be taken in this matter. MILNES advised Milwaukee had inquired of the Bureau if they desired any action to be taken to ascertain if they should find out if PIGMAN received 2 subpoenas and which one he is going to answer.

A.J. McGRATH
Special Agent

AJM:JJD

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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

At approximately 9:25 am on the morning of December 10, Special Agent Kenneth De Lavigne of the Bureau called on the instruction of Mr. H. B. Fletcher.

He advised that on Departmental instruction, the Bureau has two agents surveilling HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH who is enroute to New York City. He left on the 8:00 am Pennsylvania train from Washington, D. C. WADLEIGH has been instructed by Campbell and Russo of the Department on his arrival in New York to report to Mr. Donegan or Mr. Whearty, who are to give him advice on obtaining legal assistance and who are going to have him appear again before the Grand Jury.

Mr. De Lavigne advised that the Agents, Robert McCaslin and John Buscher, have been instructed to conduct WADLEIGH (via surveillance) to Donegan's office. The purpose of surveilling him is to determine if he makes any contacts and attempt to identify them and also to determine if he is sincere.

The agents have also been instructed to advise me of their arrival and unless advised to the contrary, they will return to Washington, D. C.

Mr. Donegan was telephonically advised of the above information immediately.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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MR. SCHEIDT	FOR VICTORY
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MR. ROSEN	
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NO
H. H. Nichols

Reference is made to my memo of December 9th, reflecting information on STRIPLING's appearance before the Grand Jury concerning STRIPLING's alleged calls to Assistant Director Nichols on December 2 and 3.

At 4:20 pm on December 9, Mr. Robert Cartwright of Mr. Nichols' office called me back to advise that a check had been made at the Bureau and it was ascertained that STRIPLING called Mr. Nichols' office on Friday morning, December 3, and after being told that Mr. Nichols was at home. STRIPLING left a message for Mr. Nichols to call him. Mr. Nichols called him at 1:15 pm on December 3 and at that time, STRIPLING advised Mr. Nichols of the microfilm being found at 1:00 am on Friday morning. Mr. Cartwright advised that there is no record of STRIPLING having called Mr. Nichols on Thursday, December 2; that if he did call, he did not identify himself nor leave a message.

Mr. Donegan was advised of this information on the afternoon of December 9.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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New York, New York
December 10, 1948

MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
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ESPIONAGE - R

MR. SCHEIDT	FOR VICTORY
MR. BELMONT	BUY
MR. WELLS	UNITED STATES
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At 4:35 pm on December 9, I spoke to Assistant to the Attorney General T. J. Donegan. I advised him that SAMUEL PELOVITZ had been located and questioned by the Baltimore office but that he claims that he did not take up residence in his present home until 1938, whereas CHAMBERS said that FELIX resided there in 1937 and the Baltimore office was in some doubt as to whether to serve the subpoena. I advised Mr. Donegan that, inasmuch as CHAMBERS had viewed the photograph of PELOVITZ and was sure, although not positive, that PELOVITZ was FELIX, and in view of the fact that the various individuals contacted to date have been lying, I had told the Baltimore office to go ahead and serve the subpoena which they are doing. I advised Mr. Donegan that Baltimore will inform us by teletype tonight when PELOVITZ will appear. Mr. Donegan agreed that this was the proper procedure.

I further advised Mr. Donegan that FRANCIS RENO and VINCENT RENO, has been located in Englewood, Colorado, and PHILIP RENO is believed to be in Albuquerque. Mr. Donegan requested that I furnish the addresses to Mr. STRYNE, another assistant working on this case, in order that Mr. STRYNE who is going to Washington tonight (12/9/48) can have the Department call the appropriate U. S. Attorneys in Denver and Albuquerque to have them issue subpoenas in the morning for the two RENO brothers. I furnished these addresses to Mr. STRYNE as follows:

FRANCIS RENO, 4428 South Bannock Street, Englewood, Colorado.
PHILIP RENO, Route 5, Box 378, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

I advised Mr. Donegan we would inform our El Paso and Denver offices to conduct the interviews and serve the subpoenas tomorrow (12/10/48). Teletypes were sent to these two offices on the evening of 12/9/48.

I also asked Mr. Donegan whether he contemplates issuing a subpoena for ELEANOR NELSON, who resided with DAVID CARPENTER in Washington while CARPENTER was doing the photographing for CHAMBERS and who is now engaged in CP work in Baltimore. Mr. Donegan advised that a

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subpoena would be issued for her on December 10th to appear in New York City on Monday, December 13th. I advised that I did not have her present address but suggested that the USA in Baltimore call the Baltimore office and get the address, and that the Baltimore office would assist insofar as possible in the service of the subpoena.

Teletypes were sent to Baltimore, El Paso and Denver advising that subpoenas were being issued and that the interviews should be conducted on December 10th.

I called Mr. Fletcher to secure authority for agents of the Baltimore office to serve the subpoena on ELEANOR NELSON. He advised that this would be considered by the Bureau. I therefore worded a teletype to the Baltimore office, advising that that office clear with the Bureau prior to serving the subpoena.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: December 9, 1948

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.
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Late this afternoon, December 9, 1948, WESTBROOK STEELE, Director of the American Paper Institute, Appleton, Wisconsin, telephonically advised the following to Special Agent ALEXANDER P. LEGRAND:

About one-half hour after Special Agents CLARK E. LOVRIEN and ALEXANDER P. LEGRAND had interviewed WILLIAM WARD PIGMAN at Appleton, Wisconsin, on December 8, 1948, PIGMAN advised STEELE, who is his superior at the American Paper Institute, generally of the questions asked him by the Special Agents. PIGMAN told STEELE that he had tried his best to cooperate with the FBI but could not identify any persons about whom he was questioned. PIGMAN told STEELE he believed the Agents were questioning him because of his former activity with the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians which, according to PIGMAN, was at one time a somewhat radical organization. PIGMAN said at one time he, too, had radical tendencies, but he did not admit being a member of the Communist Party.

STEELE stated that about 3:45 p.m. on December 9, 1948, PIGMAN again approached him and advised he had just received a subpoena to appear before a Grand Jury in New York City on Friday, December 10, 1948. PIGMAN said he was not going to reply to the subpoena on one hour notice. STEELE suggested that he could arrive in New York City if he would take a plane for New York tonight. PIGMAN said that he did not want to take a plane, but would leave Friday, December 10, 1948, at 7:52 p.m. and would arrive in New York City about 8:30 a.m., on Saturday, December 11, 1948.

PIGMAN told STEELE that he was unable to give the Agents of the FBI any information and therefore could not understand why he was being subpoenaed. STEELE said he told PIGMAN that he knew nothing about the purpose of the interview of the special agents and that perhaps the subpoena was not related to the inquiry which the Special Agents had made.

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At 2:10 pm today, ASAC D. K. Brown of the El Paso office advised that the Department in Washington had called the USA at Albuquerque and had instructed that the USA issue a subpoena for PHILIP RENO. Mr. Brown stated that the USA there and the Clerk of the Court do not feel that this constitutes authority for them to issue the subpoena. The USA contacted Mr. Russo of the Department in Washington and informed him of this and Russo agreed with him. Mr. Russo then told the USA that he would call Mr. Donegan in New York and have him wire the subpoena to the Marshal in Albuquerque. The Marshal will then make out what is known as a ticket subpoena. I pointed out to Mr. Brown that we had not run into this difficulty before and that the subpoenas had been issued on the call from the Department in Washington.

Mr. Brown requested that we check with Mr. Donegan to make sure that he wired the subpoena to the Marshal in Albuquerque. I told him we would follow this up.

Mr. Brown further advised that the USA and Clerk of the Court are of the opinion that the Marshal and not the agents should serve the subpoena. I informed Mr. Brown that, in that case, we should let the Marshal serve the subpoena; that the Marshal can be present during the interview of PHILIP RENO by agents of the El Paso office and that he can then serve the subpoena on RENO at the completion of the interview.

Mr. Brown then stated that El Paso has not obtained the background information relative to RENO from the Denver office; that it is due in on the 12:30 plane from Denver and that if it is not on that plane, El Paso will have to obtain it telephonically from Denver. Mr. Brown stated that El Paso would submit a teletype advising of the results of their interview with PHILIP RENO.

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At 2:50 pm today, ASAC Lally of the Baltimore office called to inquire whether CHAMBERS had identified PELOVITZ as FELIX. I advised him that CHAMBERS, after viewing PELOVITZ, advised that he thought PELOVITZ was FELIX. Mr. Lally wanted to know if we would like to have enlarged photographs of the street and house where PELOVITZ lives in order that CHAMBERS could view those. I suggested that he send them to us as they might be of assistance.

Mr. Lally advised that the agents had not yet interviewed ELEANOR NELSON; that they had approached her but she had said she was busy with Christmas shopping and could not talk to the agents. The agents know from other sources that she is having a meeting at three o'clock on CP activities. In the hopes of securing an interview with her, they refrained from serving the subpoena and will attempt to interview her tonight, at which time they will serve the subpoena. Meanwhile, they have her under loose surveillance.

Mr. Lally advised that FRANCIS VICTOR RENO had left a trunk-full of personal belongings, letters, etc., at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He advised that a confidential check was being made of these effects to see whether there is any information which might be of value. He said he would let us know the results of the check. I informed him that FRANCIS VICTOR RENO had been located in Englewood, Colorado and is being interviewed and subpoenaed today, and that PHILIP RENO had been located in Albuquerque and was being interviewed and subpoenaed today.

A. H. BELMONT
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PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

At 5:20 on December 10, 1948, I called SAC E. A. SOUCY of the Boston Office, and referred to Butel December 10, 1948 requesting Boston to obtain the original copy of a letter addressed to Mr. WALTER L. TIBBETS, 1216 Atlantic National Bank Building, Boston, Massachusetts. I advised Mr. SOUCY that the original copy of this letter was furnished the New York Office this afternoon by Mr. EDWARD McLEON, attorney for Mr. ALGER HISS, who advised that the letter had never been sent and it had been in Mr. HISS' papers.

I advised Mr. SOUCY that they could discontinue attempting to locate this letter but I requested him to ascertain from TIBBETS if he had any additional correspondence in his possession which he may have received from Mr. and Mrs. HISS at any time and to obtain specimens of this correspondence if it was typewritten. I also requested that his office attempt to locate and interview Mrs. JOHN ALFORD, formerly ROBERTA FANSLER, Mrs. HISS' sister, presently residing at 55 A Charles-Field Street, Providence, Rhode Island, in an attempt to secure the manuscript of a book on which the two sisters had collaborated and which had been published by the Carnegie Corporation in 1934. The book was published under the title of "Research in Fine Arts in the Colleges and Universities of the United States". I advised Mr. SOUCY that at least some of the manuscript had been typed with the typewriter we were attempting to locate in this case.

I advised Mr. SOUCY that these leads should be covered immediately, and in the event specimens were obtained, they should be immediately furnished the Bureau for laboratory examination. Mr. SOUCY said that he would do this.

JOHN T. HILSBOS, SA



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ATTENTION ASAC BELMONT. J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY,
 INTERNAL SECURITY R, ESPIONAGE R. REMYTEL DECEMBER TEN LAST. FRANKLIN
 VICTOR RENO VOLUNTARILY APPEARED AT THIS OFFICE TODAY STATING THAT
 HE WOULD GIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH HE HAD NOT GIVEN ON
 INTERVIEW DECEMBER TEN LAST. IN SUBSTANCE RENO ADMITS HE GAVE RES
 XXX RESTRICTED DOCUMENTS TO ONE QUOTE CARL UNQUOTE OR QUOTE KRAUSS
 UNQUOTE, WHOM HE THINKS MIGHT HAVE BEEN SUBJECT CHAMBERS BUT IS IN NO



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At 4:15 pm today, USA McGohey called to advise that he had just received a call from Mr. Whittaker, Supervising Agent of Secret Service in New York City. Mr. Whittaker advised that his office had received an anonymous telephone call to the effect that at some time in the past, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had said to someone that CHAMBERS had deposited a good deal of his material with a private investigator known as HORACE SCHMALL, 19 Rector Street, New York City. Mr. McGohey advised that Mr. Whittaker is sending a letter to Mr. Scheidt verifying this information.

I advised Mr. McGohey I would immediately contact Mr. Donegan to see whether he desired SCHMALL interviewed. It is recalled that a private investigator by the name of SCHMALL is presently employed by Mr. McLean, attorney for ALGER HISS, in an attempt to locate the typewriter which CHAMBERS claimed HISS used in typing up the documents turned over by HISS to CHAMBERS. It is quite possible that the anonymous telephone call is based on some statement made by SCHMALL during his numerous contacts in carrying out this investigation.

A. H. BELMONT
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ATTENTION ASAC BELMONT

JAY DAVIS WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PREJURY, INTERNAL SECURITY R, ESPIONAGE R. WITNESS FRANCIS VICTOR RENO STATES HIS CORRECT NAME IS FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO AND DENIES ANY DEALINGS WITH CHAMBERS, J. PETERS OR ANYONE ELSE IN CONNECTION WITH FURNISHING INFORMATION WHILE AT THE ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND. HE WAS SERVED WITH SUBPOENA TODAY CALLING FOR HIS APPEARANCE SDNY NINE A. M., DECEMBER FIFTEEN NEXT.

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Reference is made to information received by ASAC ALAN H. BELMONT from the Secret Service to the effect that the Secret Service had received an anonymous call in which the caller stated that HORACE SCHMAHL had stated to the anonymous caller that he had in his possession papers belonging to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. HORACE SCHMAHL was interviewed by SA FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN and JOHN T. HILSBOS on the morning of December 11, 1948 in the New York office, and he advised that he is a private investigator licensed by the State of New York, having Credentials number 4786, Badge number 267, which he exhibited to interviewing agents.

He stated in the way of background that he was born in Germany and had been put out of Germany in 1936 by the Gestapo, and that during the war he had been with Military Intelligence. He stated that he was presently associated with JOHN BRODY, an attorney who was formerly an assistant to the Attorney General, whose offices are at 19 Rector Street. He stated that BRODY had been retained by EDWARD MC LEAN, attorney for ALGER HISS. SCHMAHL stated that for the past 20 years he has been handling international work for the Department of Justice and for the United States Attorney's office for the Southern District of New York through the office of Mr. ARMAND CHANKALIAN. He indicated that he believes that he had an adverse record with this office, inasmuch as at one time he was accused of being an ardent Nazi. He stated that to show that he was not a Nazi, in addition to his employment by the Department of Justice and his present employment in the Military Intelligence, he wished to state that he was a government investigator for the American-Jewish Committee, and stated that his sister is married to a Jewish refugee doctor.

It was pointed out to Mr. SCHMAHL that information had been received that he had made statements that he had in his possession papers belonging to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, and if this were true we wanted to know the facts concerning the same. SCHMAHL stated that at the time he was hired by Mr. MC LEAN to investigate the civil action matter in which Mr. HISS is bringing suit against Mr. CHAMBERS, he obtained copies of the depositions which were taken from Mr. CHAMBERS and Mr. HISS in Baltimore, Maryland. He also added that he had seen copies of the documents which CHAMBERS alleges were furnished to him

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by HISS at the time he was employed by the United States Government. However, he added that he never mentioned this to any official authorities that he did have these depositions, and he retained them at all times in a safe in his office. He also added that he had seen the copies of the documents alleged to have been given to CHAMBERS by HISS.

It will be recalled that SCHMAHL had gone to Philadelphia in connection with his investigation concerning the typewriter which the HISS family possessed, and during this trip to Philadelphia he called on our Philadelphia office. It will also be recalled that he had stated telephonically to a Mr. ~~WADEN~~ of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company in Philadelphia that he was cooperating with the F.B.I. in New York relative to the obtaining of specimens of the questioned typewriter. SCHMAHL stated that he did not believe he used the word "cooperating", but stated that he did state that he was going to furnish the F.B.I. with all of the information which might come into his possession during the course of investigation.

The agents pointed out to Mr. SCHMAHL that any investigations conducted by the F.B.I. were conducted individually of any other organization, and the results of these investigations were confidential and at no time should he state that he was cooperating or in any way connected with any investigation being conducted by the F.B.I. It was further stated to Mr. SCHMAHL that in the event he discusses this case with any individual, that he should be careful not to leave the inference or implication that he has in his possession papers which belong to Mr. CHAMBERS.

SCHMAHL stated that he had great respect for the F.B.I. and the Department of Justice. As an example of this respect, he had been approached by Representative MC DOWALL of the House Un-American Affairs Committee to work for that committee in connection with this case, but he had declined, basing this declination on the fact that he had great respect for the Department of Justice, F.B.I., and he felt that the Committee and the Department were feuding at this time.

SCHMAHL offered the following information concerning CHAMBERS which he had developed. He stated that in 1936 Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had used the name of Mrs. JAY CHAMBERS, who at that time was reported to have been the wife of Mr. JAY CHAMBERS, senior administrative assistant in the Treasury Department. He stated he had come about this information through a credit investigation he had conducted in Baltimore, Maryland. Mrs. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS knew the entire personal history of Mr. JAY CHAMBERS, and he felt that she could have only obtained this information through some person employed in the Treasury Department on a Civil Service Commission. He stated that he had talked to Mrs. JAY CHAMBERS, and while she could not prove it, she had indicated that some unauthorized person had been charging various purchases to her credit accounts at the better stores in Washington.

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He also stated that he was endeavoring through the Motor Vehicle Bureau in Baltimore to determine whether WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had used different signatures when he had transferred his automobile by selling it to himself by transferring it from DAVID BREEN, one of his aliases, to his true name, WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. In securing the latter two bits of information the agents made no comment and did not indicate whether we had the information, again pointing out to Mr. SCHMAHL that any information which we had is confidential and no comment could be made on this point.

FRANCIS D. O'BRIEN, SA
JOHN T. HILSBOS, SA

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SQUARE, NEW YORK, MONDAY MORNING IN ORDER THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE
TO TAKE HIM DIRECT TO USA. THIS PROCEDURE NECESSARY IN VIEW OF
NUMEROUS PRESS REPRESENTATIVES AT COURT HOUSE. ADVISE IDENTITY OF
HOTEL RENO WILL STAY AT IN NEW YORK CITY. IN EVENT HE HAS MADE
NO ARRANGEMENTS HAVE HIM CONTACT THIS DIVISION ON ARRIVAL AND HOTEL
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 HOTEL WHERE HE WILL MEET HIS BROTHER, PHILIP. FRANKLIN WILL ARRIVE
 IN NYC ABOUT NINE THIRTY PM TODAY AND HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED
 DIRECTLY TO ROOM 607 U.S. COURT HOUSE BUILDING, MONDAY MORNING

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At 9:45 a.m. today I telephonically requested Supervisor K. Delavigne of the Washington Field Office to have interviewed the Bureau ballistics experts and ballistics experts of other governmental agencies who would have held such positions in 1937 in order to identify the individual named SVIASHNIKOV who CHAMBERS said was a ballistics expert employed in the government service in Washington, D. C. I told Mr. Delavigne that efforts should be made to identify him so that if necessary he could be subpoenaed to appear and testify before the Grand Jury prior to its expiration Wednesday, December 15. Mr. Delavigne stated that Special Agent Taylor, who was handling this matter in the Washington Field Office, had located some information which appeared to be identical with this individual.

J. T. HILSBOS,
Special Agent

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On the morning of December 13, 1948, ASAC Lally of the Baltimore office advised that agents of that office had conducted a confidential search of the trunk left by VINCENT RENO at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. The agents discovered voluminous materials and records and took about 1,000 photographs of it. Mr. Lally stated that some of the material was highly technical and could not be evaluated immediately. Some correspondence was found between RENO and a man in Princeton, in which RENO mentioned that the information was highly classified and was not to be discussed by the man in Princeton. I inquired if Baltimore knew the name of the man in Princeton and Mr. Lally advised he did not have it available at that time.

Mr. Lally requested that we arrange with VINCENT RENO to obtain a consent to search the trunk at Aberdeen so that we can get possession of the records, etc., contained therein. I told him this would be done.

I advised Mr. Lally that we received a teletype from Denver, advising that after that office interviewed VINCENT RENO on December 10th, RENO appeared at the office and admitted what CHAMBERS had alleged. I told Mr. Lally that he is supposed to appear before the CJ this morning. Mr. Lally suggested that the New York agents question him as to what he has in his trunk.

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At 10:45 am today, Mr. Leo Loughlin of the Bureau called and requested that he be furnished with the details of the first interview had by the Denver office with VICTOR RENO, as set out in Denver teletype of December 10th. I advised him I would check on this and call him back.

I later called Mr. Loughlin and read to him the contents of Denver teletype dated December 10th, 5:25 p.m., in which it is set out that FRANCIS VICTOR RENO was interviewed, that he denies any dealings with CHAMBERS and that he was served with the subpoena.

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At 9:40 am today, Mr. Brannigan of the Bureau, who stated he was calling at the request of Mr. H. B. Fletcher, called to advise that on December 12th, Mr. Whearty of the Department stated that Mr. CAMPBELL was desirous of determining the exact date on which CHAMBERS, accompanied by Mr. ISAAC DON LEVINE, visited Mr. BERLE at the State Department. Mr. Brannigan stated that the Bureau checked its records and ascertained that the date of the CHAMBERS-BERLE interview was September 2, 1939. I inquired whether LEVINE was present at this interview and Mr. Brannigan stated he was. Mr. Brannigan further informed me that Mr. Whearty requested that this date be furnished to Mr. CAMPBELL prior to the opening of the Monday, December 13, 1948 session of the Federal Grand Jury, and Mr. Brannigan instructed that this information be given to Mr. Donegan or Mr. Campbell. I told him this would be done at once.

This information was immediately given to Mr. Donegan for his benefit and for the benefit of Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Donegan was advised that Mr. Whearty had requested that this be given to him and to Mr. CAMPBELL before the opening of the Grand Jury this morning.

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MR. HENRICH
MR. JONES
MR. QUINN
MR. NEASE
MR. GANDY

[Handwritten signature: J. Edgar Hoover]

At 10:15 am today, ASAC Lally of the Baltimore office called regarding the identify of FELIX. Mr. Lally inquired whether CHAMBERS had seen the photographs of the street scenes which Baltimore had forwarded to New York. I advised Mr. Lally that I had not seen them yet and asked when Baltimore had sent them. He stated they were forwarded Special Delivery on Friday night. Mr. Lally stated that PELOVITZ has been more or less eliminated as being FELIX, and he requested that we arrange to have CHAMBERS thoroughly interviewed today regarding FELIX.

Mr. Lally stated that PELOVITZ advised the Baltimore agents that he worked in New York City until the latter part of 1937, came to Baltimore in December, 1937 and moved to the Konig Street address in June, 1938. CHAMBERS, on the other hand, has stated that he was working with FELIX in Baltimore during the greater part of 1937 and early 1938. CHAMBERS also claimed that FELIX was sent to him by Colonel BYKOV, apparently from New York, and that he saw FELIX approximately twice a week during the greater part of 1937 and the early part of 1938. Regarding FELIX, CHAMBERS advised the Baltimore agents that he had a Leica camera; that although he was never in FELIX's apartment, he knew approximately where it was. He also claimed that FELIX had a Plymouth automobile. Mr. Lally pointed out that Baltimore would like more details regarding this automobile; that is, how old it was in 1937 or 1938 and what license plates it had, New York or Maryland. Mr. Lally also stated that Baltimore is particularly interested in having CHAMBERS identify the exact house where FELIX lived and stated that perhaps he could do this from the photographs being forwarded by Baltimore; CHAMBERS, according to Mr. Lally, might be able to eliminate some of the houses which he knows are not identical with the house where FELIX resided.

Mr. Lally further stated that CHAMBERS furnished the following description to Baltimore of FELIX; 5'7" or 5'8"; 190 to 200 lbs., baby face with light complexion; blue eyes, light brown hair; stocky build and approximately in his later twenties in 1937 or 1938. CHAMBERS said FELIX did his own developing, apparently in his apartment; that FELIX had a wife but no children. Baltimore does not know whether CHAMBERS ever saw FELIX's wife.

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but is anxious to get a description of her in the event he has. Regarding FELIX's weight, CHAMBERS said he was between 190 to 200 lbs. In an interview in New York, CHAMBERS said FELIX was of a slighter build than PELOVITZ. Mr. Lally also pointed out that PELOVITZ is now 160 lbs., and if FELIX is of a slighter build than PELOVITZ, he would be less than 160 lbs. Mr. Lally stated that in a teletype to Baltimore, we stated that CHAMBERS advised that FELIX was not Jewish. Mr. Lally said it would be helpful if CHAMBERS could state positively whether or not FELIX was Jewish so that suspects could be eliminated.

Mr. Lally also stated that perhaps the agents who worked on the Konig Street angle of the case would be able to get more out of CHAMBERS in an interview than we would regarding the address of FELIX. I told him we would interview CHAMBERS and in the event it seemed desirable to have agents from the Baltimore office question him regarding the residence of FELIX on Konig street, I would let Baltimore know.

Mr. Lally pointed out that Mr. Fletcher of the Bureau has instructed that every effort must be made to locate and identify FELIX.

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PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
ESPIONAGE - R

At 10:12 am today, USA McGohey called to advise that he had received a telegram from Congressman NIXON dated 8:34 am December 13th, from Baltimore, stating that because of a wreck on the Pennsylvania Railway, NIXON would be delayed about three hours. Mr. McGohey wanted to know if, in fact, there had been such a wreck.

Section 1 checked with the Pennsylvania Railway here in New York and found that there had been a freight derailment outside of Baltimore, as a result of which the freight train would be an hour and a quarter late and that all passenger trains starting with train 104 would be delayed.

ASAC Lally of the Baltimore office called relative to another matter and I inquired of him concerning this. He advised that two freight trains jumped the track at about 7:30 am this morning between Baltimore and Wilmington and that all traffic on the line was being held up because of this. He did not know exactly how long.

At 11:40 am, I advised Mr. McGohey that there had been such a wreck as indicated above. He advised that, according to information received from Congressman NIXON on December 12th, NIXON was going to take the 7:00 am train from Washington, D.C. Mr. McGohey asked that we ascertain, if possible, when this train would now arrive in New York City.

A recheck by Section 1 with the Pennsylvania Railway ascertained that this train would be in about an hour late. Mr. McGohey was immediately advised of this and he stated that no further action need be taken.

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PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
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At 4:25 pm today, I spoke with Assistant Director Ladd to advise him that we had obtained a copy of the testimony of ROBERT E. STRIPLING before the Grand Jury in the above entitled matter from a confidential source, and it gave further details concerning the alleged telephone calls to Mr. Nichols at the Bureau. I advised we were sending this down to the Bureau by cover letter tonight for the Bureau's information. No copy is being retained in this office.

I also advised Mr. Ladd that we had just heard from Mr. Donegan that Congressman NIXON had testified before the Grand Jury and had refused to turn over to the Grand Jury the film and documents in his possession; that he had stated that these items were to be kept in the custody of the Committee but that he would bring them back to be viewed by the GJ at any time they desired. I advised Mr. Ladd we would get further details on this and include it in our teletype tonight.

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PERJURY
INTERNAL SECURITY - R
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At approximately 1:10PM on the afternoon of December 13th Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau called and advised that the Bureau has obtained material from PAUL L. BANFIELD, Headmaster at LONDON SCHOOL, Bethesda Post Office, Washington, D. C. This material bears the date September 9, 1936. It is three pages of typewritten material dealing with the description of the personal characteristics of TIMOTHY MOBSON (It is believed that this is ALGER HISS' step-son.) The school requested of the HISSs a background on the boy, his traits and characteristics and so they wrote it up in this three typewritten pages, at the time the boy entered the school.

There is also a letter in the handwriting of ALGER HISS, at least it is signed by him, reading as follows:

Enclosed is a description of Tim's personality.

Mr. BANFIELD states that he will testify if he is subpoenaed. He has been very cooperative. He stated that before the Bureau contacted him the attorneys for ALGER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had contacted him and he refused to give them the same information he gave us. He did not let them see the file on it. BANFIELD does not want the House Un-American ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Activities Committee to have any part of the information furnished by him made available to it.

Mr. Fletcher advised that at the present time Special Agent Cortland J. Jones of the Washington Field Office has the typewriting known specimens which he recovered from this file plus some of the correspondence. He will be available for interview by the Grand Jury in the morning, if such is desired.



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Mr. Fletcher advised that the Laboratory identifies this typewriting with the documents furnished by Chambers to the Department. If this office so desires, this laboratory man can also be made available for tomorrow morning.

Mr. Fletcher advised that the Department does not know of this discovery or identification as yet.

I cautioned Mr. Fletcher, that if it were necessary to advise the Department that it should be done with a discreet warning that this information is not known to anyone but the Grand Jury.

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*Mr. Dwyer
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He will advise if
he wants any or all of
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